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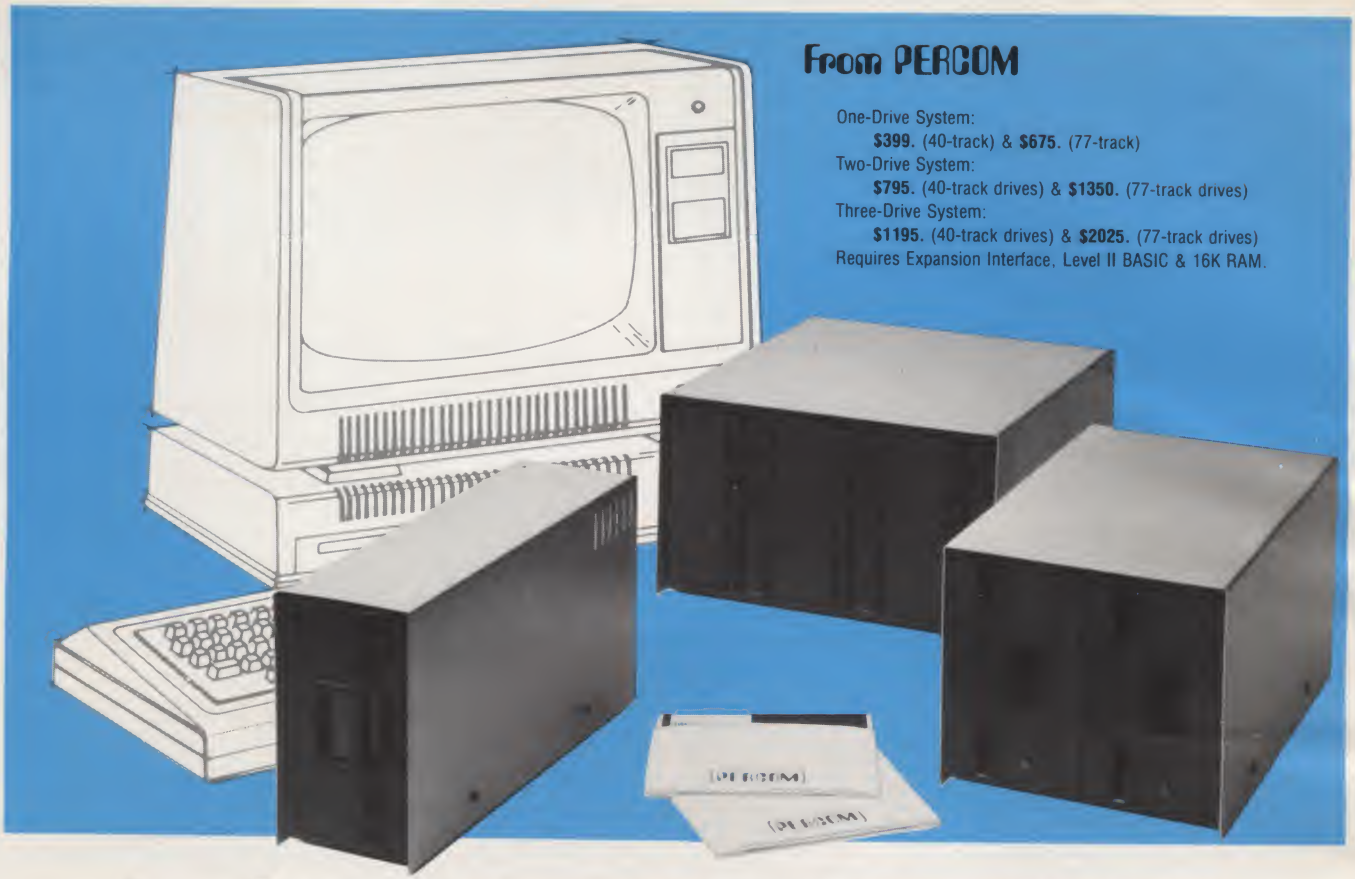

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PUBLISHER'S REMARKS

Wayne Green

MSI Meeting at Vail

These photos were taken at the Vail CO meeting of Midwest Scientific Instruments, and around Vail.

Europe

The recent Paris Microcomputer Expo furnished clear proof that microcomputing is very much alive in Europe. The exhibit area was absolutely packed for the three days of the show.

In addition to European firms, including an exciting new outfit from Sweden, several American manufacturers came over for the show. North Star was showing off their new disk system and getting a lot of attention. Despite a great deal of industry contention that no one would be able to produce a really successful dual-side, dual-density disk system, North Star had one on display . . . running.

Bill Gates was there too, taking orders for Microsoft. His booth was busy just about every minute of the show.

A surprise showing was from Wave Mate, now being primarily distributed in Europe. Their new system has been remarkably developed and looks very good.

These European shows are strengthening. Most of the attendance is from business buyers rather than hobbyists, so exhibiting can be very exciting. The next show of significance appears to be an Electro-Hobby show in Stuttgart, October 3-7th this year. *Microcomputing* is cooperating with this show and will definitely exhibit. *Kilobaud* did run a microcomputer show in Munich last November, and it pulled in close to 10,000 attendance. We'll be running another show next year, probably in Munich.

Traveling in Europe is expensive these days, as I found in my recent visit. The main purpose of the trip was to lay the groundwork for distribution of Instant Software in Europe, plus boost the circulation of *Microcomputing*. The trip this year was quite a different matter from the one I made 20 years ago when I first started visiting Europe.

Old-timers may remember a

Curt Childress, the president of MSI, ready for some skiing after the busines meetings.

The participants in the MSI meeting. First row, l-r: Bud Pass, John Billings, Jeff Harrow, Dana Peterson, Alfonso Langoria; second row, l-r: Glenn Krebs, Dave Crocker, Art Childress, Jaap Van Duffelen, Hal Hoffman, Dennis Seager (standing); third row, l-r: Richard Hinton, George Parsons, Irwin Pollard, James Bird, Mark Asplund, Wally Solotow; back (jagged) row, l-r: Lew Gordon, Mike Arnold, Chuck Martin, Denny Kessler.

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The latest winner of a lifetime subscription to *Microcomputing* is Gerard R. Langlais of Yonkers NY.

Details of new accounting package are explained to MSI dealers, showing menu on projection screen at right and sample printout on projector at center.

Vail is a small, largely condominium community, where skiing is the reason for being there in the winter. It is a lovely, small town with lots of shops and restaurants. Didn't see Ford there.

book by Frommer, *Europe on $5 A Day*. I had no problem 20 years ago in traveling around Europe for that amount of money. A room in a small hotel with breakfast was around $2, a nice dinner was about the same price and a lunch for under a dollar was commonplace. At that time the salaries in the U.S. were around twice those of most Europeans for the same type of work.

Today it is a different matter. European salaries are 50 percent or more above similar salaries here, and there are few bargains available in anything. You will find it difficult to have much of a dinner for under $10. Unless you plan to spend around $100 per day you are going to be watching your money at every turn. Now I find that Europeans are coming to the U.S. for inexpensive vacations!

What happened? What went wrong? How did we get from making two or more times as

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OUTPUT FROM ISI

Sherry Smythe

Conquering Europe

With microcomputers just making inroads in Europe, there is as much need for programs for that market as there is in the U.S. For readers with native language background in other languages, this offers an opportunity.

Many of the programs being sold or readied for sale in the U.S. can also be sold in other countries if the programs and the instructions are translated. Staffers at Instant Software are already converting the most promising programs into German and Italian (with most of this work being done by our Knud Keller, a native of Stuttgart, and Piergiorgio Saluti, recently arrived from Italy).

Associate editors interested in working on this project should drop me a line. We need French, Danish, Swedish, Norwegian, Finnish, Spanish and Dutch translations. German, Italian, Portugese and British are covered by our in-house staff.

Program translations are simple, requiring changes in the print statements. The operating instructions are a bit more complicated, but not much. The work pays the usual peon wages of $3 per hour, but you can do it at home, when you please and at your own convenience—and it is fun.

European Business

Obviously, there are differences between some of the business programs needed for use in Europe and those for the U.S. For example, our payroll programs don't work in Europe. European readers of *Microcomputing* should think seriously about tackling simpler programs oriented toward European business (e.g., value added taxes) and submit such programs for publication to the international program publishers. The original language is not terribly important.

In writing programs for Europe, please remember that the best-selling systems there are the PET and TRS-80, which are about neck and neck, with the Apple II (known over there as the ITT-2020) coming on strong. Europe is not as game oriented as the U.S., so business-oriented programs are more urgently required.

American Business

Business-oriented programs have been lagging behind. This is understandable since most of the more useful business programs have had to wait for the hardware to be developed and debugged . . . then the program language . . . and on top of that a good operating system, all before serious business software could be developed.

While most game programs take a few days or weeks to perfect, business software often takes months to prepare. In that context you can understand why good business-application soft-

About the Cover

This month's cover shows the 80-column Trendcom 200 and the 40-column Trendcom 100 from Trendcom of Sunnyvale CA. These new printers use thermal printing to provide hard-copy output up to 40 cps. For details on the Trendcom 100, see p. 20.

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ware is just now beginning to show up. I don't think any reliable software publisher can check out and publish a complex program any faster than our experience with Instant Software has proven: about six months from submission to appearance in the stores.

Game programs are selling well, but most of them have to sell at the lowest prices, so this limits programmer royalties. Business programs are being priced according to the value to the user, so much higher royalties are involved.

It is odd, but even at this relatively late date, I often find people who have put a lot of work into a business program, either for their own use or for a customer, and who have never realized that this same program might be of interest to a thousand—or even ten thousand—other firms. Repeatedly at computer shows I'll see people staring at the array of Instant Software packages with a kind of dazed look. When I start talking with them I find that they have written a program for, say, handling an egg farm. They aren't sure what anyone could do with anything that specialized.

I then ask them how many egg farms they think there might be around the country. As they mull this over they become excited. There are tens of thousands of commercial egg farms, and every one of them is a good prospect for a microcomputer with an egg-farm program.

Which Systems?

The early results of a *Microcomputing* reader survey show that the TRS-80 Level II is clearly number one in ownership, coming in over four times as high as the second place system: the Apple. Not far behind the Apple is the SWTP system. Unfortunately, we are still unable to support this system with programs due to a lack of lab equipment, something we hope will be corrected soon. We do have a large backlog of 6800 programs, but no way to check them out and apply quality control to the finished product. This takes more than one system, obviously.

Number four in the poll is the PET, and we have plenty of equipment support for this system. The Imsai came in fifth and the Heath H8 system sixth. Both are OK in our lab but need more support. We have H8 programs nearly processed and should publish about two dozen in the next couple of months. We need more.

PET-POURRI

Len Lindsay

Lots of Excitement

PET users have many exciting things waiting for them. Some of this excitement they could do without, however. Commodore created quite a stir when they brought out the new PETs. Soon to be called CBMs, these new PETs have new ROMs that are *not* compatible with the old ones. Although they do correct most of the bugs in PET BASIC (i.e., arrays are no longer limited to 255 elements), they also introduce their own problems. In addition to the serious problem of incompatibility from old to new, the new PETs function differently in lowercase mode.

Unshifted characters are lowercase as on a typewriter. You shift for uppercase. That's great, if they'd do it right. Now if you use lowercase, your program is limited to only one of the two PET versions. Beautiful lowercase instructions on the old PET look horrible on the new PET. Everything is uppercase except the letters that are supposed to be uppercase. Those are shown as lowercase. To retain compatibility, you must use all uppercase in the graphics mode. This is a major step backwards.

To top it off, Commodore didn't even do the change right anyway. Print something in lowercase on the new PET. Fine! Now have it printed on your printer via the IEEE port. What? All the lowercase letters are printed as uppercase, and the uppercase are printed as lowercase. Why on earth would Commodore do that. The new PET isn't even compatible with itself. A cunning reader will probably come up with the following reason.

A normal printer will not print upper/lowercase correctly. Therefore, you're forced to buy Commodore's printer, which corrects for this. That would be a good reason, if it were true. But Commodore's printer doesn't correct for this. And they have the nerve to include program listings for their dual-disk system printed on their printer with upper/lowercases reversed. Worse yet, they don't print the lower as lowercase, rather it is printed as graphic symbols (i.e., graphics mode). This is in their manual, no less. It sure looks funny. For example, "Should a failure . . . " is listed as: "♥HOULD A FAILURE . . . " Yes, there is a little heart printed instead of the lowercase s, which should have been an uppercase S anyway. The line above that reads: 570 PRINT "DIGITAL BOARD. " I look on my keyboard caps to find those two symbols and discover they really mean "digital PC board."

Oh, well! Look forward to another new, improved PET. Of course it will not be compatible with either of the two previous versions. That's my prediction. A year from now we'll see if I'm right.

If all that excitement isn't enough to give a serious PET user heart failure, Commodore finally is shipping their dual floppy-disk units. I have one, or what's left of one. I was wise and bought it through a dealer. It was less than 25 percent reliable, so I rushed it back to the store and explained how I could save a program on disk 1, but when I tried to load that same program from disk 1, it wouldn't even find it. The store had an extra unit, but it also was bad. So they tinkered with mine. I got it back in a couple of days. Now it is a single drive with a hole where the second drive should be. I'm not yet sure if the one drive I'm left with will work.

See, I told you there was excitement in store for PET users. I'll tell you a little bit about the dual-disk drive from Commodore as I promised last time. *Cursor* (Box 550, Goleta CA 93017) printed some comments on the new disk units in their issue #9. Cursor's first unit didn't work. They are on their second unit now

and are not impressed with it. According to an engineer friend of theirs, the Shugart drives that Commodore is using have been stripped of several components (to save money?).

Point A. There is no head-load solenoid, thus when the disk door is closed, the head is always loaded. A lot of friction must be overcome by the motor each time the disk is activated.

Point B. The drives do not have a micro-switch that senses when the head is retracted to track 0. Instead, you hear a nice grinding sound each time you initialize the disk. This is because they run the stepper motor as far as it will go, then time out.

Point C. They don't have an LED to sense the index hole in the diskette. How this will affect reliability remains to be seen.

The DOS leaves a lot to be desired too. For example, the disk unit is smart and knows when an error has been encountered. However, all it does is stop and light up a small LED on the front of the disk unit. No error message is printed on your screen. As a matter of fact, nothing is printed on the screen. To find out what the error was, you have to type in the following program (no, it *cannot* be done as direct commands):

```
10 OPEN 15,8,15
20 INPUT#15,A$,B$,C$,D$
30 PRINT A$,B$,C$D$
```

This has to be typed in. You can't load it in from disk because that load would cancel whatever message was there. You can load it from cassette, but if your PET is locked out, you will not be able to do that.

Those aren't the only exciting things about the Commodore dual-disk unit. Whenever you insert a diskette into a drive, you have to "initialize" it. Thus if you wish to see what is on your diskette, you must type in the following series of commands (yes, there are direct commands):

```
OPEN, 1,8,15
PRINT#1,"IO"
LOAD"$0",8
LIST
```

Isn't that fun! When working correctly, programs only take a couple seconds to load or save; but random-access programming with the unit is another story. To get random access, I typed in Commodore's sample program. It was 57 lines (including some REMark lines). All that for random access? And then it didn't work.

More on the disk system next installment. (Special thanks to Ron Jeffries, publisher of *Cursor*, for his permission to use some of his comments.)

After working with Commodore's dual-disk unit for one week, I decided to order a Computhink dual-disk unit from New England Electronics (679 Highland Ave., Needham MA 02194). Since their delivery is quick, I should have it in time to tell you about it next time. I do have their full-size keyboard now, and it works very well . . . simultaneously with the original PET keyboard. It actually hooks onto the PET to prevent it from being pulled out too far and ripping the connecting cable. It has special keys, as on the PET, but they're easier to use. There is a separate RUN key (no need to shift and hit the RUN/STOP key). Each cursor movement has its own key (four keys) and separate INSERT and DELETE keys (two keys).

Its metal cabinet matches the PET and looks very nice. The numbers are in a single row across the top, as on most typewriters. Some keys (such as the # key) are not on this keyboard, but then you simply hit that key on the PET keyboard, which still functions as usual. The price for this quality keyboard from New England Electronics is $139.95.

New Printer

Skyles Electric Works (599 Mathilda Ave. #26, Sunnyvale CA 94086) is marketing the PAL (printer on a leash) for the PET. A thermal printer using paper 4 7/16 inches wide, it prints 40 characters per line—including uppercase and lowercase—96 characters in all. Printing in both directions, it zips along at 40 characters per second. A test and demonstration tape is included, as well as over 200 feet of paper. The price for all this is $450 plus $10 shipping. The PAL comes ready to simply plug into the PET IEEE port and run.

Programmable Character Generator

Schiessl & Steiner (Augustenstr. 91/2, D-8000 Munich 40, West Germany) have announced a programmable character generator for the PET 2001. You can design your own character set of up to 256 characters using SS's comfortable interactive program. This character set can be saved on tape or diskette for future use in your programs. It can also be used to have a graphic resolution of 320×200 points (256 maximum characters). They offer machine-language routines to plot points and lines. The price is about 1,300 DM including software and tax. Delivery is 4-6 weeks. I have not seen the generator, but it sounds interesting.

8080 Simulator for the PET

J. K. Johnson (9304 Emory Grove Rd., Gaithersburg MD 20760) has modified the 8080 simulator for the 6502 by Dann McCreary (PO Box 16435-8, San Diego CA 92116) to work on the PET. (The cost of the simulator for the KIM-1 is $19.50 from Dann.) J. K. Johnson will make his adaptation available for tape cost plus $1.50 to any bona fide purchaser. Contact him for further details. He said that this 8080 simulator is so good it defies description. This program allows the PET to execute the 8080 instruction set. This is a significant step forward for the PET.

PET Firmware

What is firmware? Firmware can be referred to as software on a chip. Once the chip is plugged into your PET, it will be available whenever your PET is turned on. For example, the new PET ROMs are firmware. They include the TIM monitor for the PET as well as the PET operating system. This Commodore ROM set will soon be available to old PET owners for $50. I've heard rumblings about new chips for the PET with line renumbering, automatic line numbering and more. Next time I should know more and will let you know exactly what is included. If you are desperate, try contacting these two sources for advanced information: Skyles Electric Works (1031 Stonydale Dr., Cupertino CA 95014) or Harry Saal (810 Garland Dr., Palo Alto CA 94303).

16K PET Assembler-Text Editor

C. W. Moser (3239 Linda Dr., Winston-Salem NC 27106) is selling what appears to be an excellent PET assembler written in machine language. The price is $37 for a PET tape and very nice manual. I have a copy of it, so I know it does exist. It will be reviewed in the *PET Gazette*.

BC Computing Joins Computer Way

Computer Way (PO Box 7006, Madison WI 53707) is expanding in the personal computer field, including the PET computer market, with the BC computing staff. Readers can refer to my column in past issues of *Microcomputing* for information on BC Computing and Computer Way. Computer Way markets the highest-quality diskettes and cassette tapes, and now will soon be able to protect PET programs. They also sell quilted covers for the PET for $15. I have seen them, and they are nice.

PET Screen Transformation

Competitive Software (21650 Maple Glen Dr., Edwardsburg MI 49112) is selling light, smoke-gray Plexiglas "faces" for your PET screen. Plexi-Vue fits over the screen and surrounding formed plastic. You then have a transformed PET. The whole top looks like a screen, similar to some fancy terminals. Plexi-Vue is available for $9.95. I have one for each of my PETs. They look more professional, but they have a slight reflective problem, similar to a dull mirror.

PET Computer on Rubber Stamp

ProMark (410 Stony Battery Rd., Lancaster PA 17601) will sell you a professional rubber stamp with the PET, pictured on the left, and your name and address (three lines) for $5.75. Let the world know you have a PET. Make it part of your return address with this stamp.

PET Machine-Language Guide

Abacus Software (PO Box 7211, Grand Rapids MI 49510) is selling a manual to help the PET owner interested in machine-language programming. Over 30 of the PET's built-in routines are detailed so that the user can put them to good use. A version is available for either the old or new PETs. Price is $6.95 plus 75 cents postage. I have a copy, and it is a good starter manual.

Calculators/Computers Gone

The magazine I was very impressed with, *Calculators/Computers*, has ceased publication. Word is that their material and articles were passed on to either *Interface Age* (PO Box 1234, Cer-

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OHIO SCIENTIFIC'S
SMALL SYSTEMS JOURNAL

Introduction

This month we are continuing with part three of our discussion of information-management systems specifically dealing with OS-DMS and OS-MDMS for 8-inch floppy, Winchester disk and mini-floppy-based Ohio Scientific computer systems. We will continue the discussion with an OS-DMS utility program overview and then describe some practical uses of OS-DMS.

OS-DMS UTILITY PROGRAM OVERVIEW

Create New Master File

This program allows the user to create master files. The user specifies the file name, password, the number of records, the number of fields, the name of each field and the maximum length of each field. The system then creates and initializes the master file automatically.

Edit Master File

This program provides a means of editing master files. The user may specify a record number, an exact entry, or a search "string" to access a particular record.

Dump Master File

This program sequentially outputs records contained in the master file to either the console or printer.

Generate Mailing Labels From Master File

Applications program that prints mailing labels. The user defines the number of labels per row, the spacing between labels on the same row, and the spacing between rows. This program verifies that at least street, city, state, and zip exist in the file. If not, the program informs the user as to what information is required (i.e., street, city, etc.).

Master File Merge or Load

The merge capabilities provided by this program allow the following file manipulations:

1) The movement of selected fields from one master file to user-specified fields in a second master file.
2) Coupled merging of files where, for example, John Doe is pulled from the first file. John Doe is then located in the second file. The information contained under John Doe in the first file is then transferred to user-specified fields in the record where John Doe was found in the second file. Note that the range, i.e., from record number to record number, may be limited.

Diskette Copier

A "secretary's" diskette copy program that allows easy backup. The program automatically copies single- or double-sided diskettes.

Multi-File Multi-Format Report-Writer

This report-writer permits report generation based on information contained in up to three files. The report contents may be based on linking between files. What this means to the end user can be seen in the following example. The report is to contain the following:

Part number
Vendor's name
Vendor's address

MFMFRP may be directed to pull part numbers sequentially out of one file. That part number would then be located in a second file. The vendor's name could then be pulled from the second file and located (found) in a third file. The vendor's address could then be pulled from the third file. All of this information or selected parts of this information would then be printed out in report form.

Multi-Conditional Report Writer With Statistical Functions

This report-writer allows output to be in the vertical format or the horizontal format. Conditions may be specified so that only records meeting the conditions appear in the report, e.g., quantity in stock less than reorder level. The user also may specify the fields desired in the report. The user may also choose to have any of the fields summed, averaged, or the sum of the products calculated.

Multi-Conditional Statistical Package

STAT is a program that may perform a variety of calculations on OS-DMS master files. The records that these calculations are performed on may optionally be required to meet a set of conditions. These conditions may be, for example, city not equal to Kent and population not less than 10,000 and not greater than 500,000. The seven statistical functions that may be performed are listed below:

Summation, Average, Minimum/Maximum, Number of Occurrences, Sum of the Product, Standard Deviation, and Variance.

Sort a File

This menu function allows the user to sort either master files or key files. The file may be put in ascending or descending order based on an alphanumeric or numeric sort.

Master File Record Inserter

This program allows blank records to be inserted in OS-DMS master files. Inserting blank records is an alternative to sorting the file, and in most cases it is faster than the sorting. The user specifies where to insert and how many records to insert.

Master File Record Delete and Repack

DMS files can be packed (blank records removed) by using this program. A record is considered empty if an ^P is in the first field or all the fields are equal to zero.

Using OS-DMS

As we stated in last month's issue there are three fundamental steps in the use of the information-management system. The first is creating the file that contains the desired information, the second step is being able to edit the information stored in the file, and the third step, where we left off last month, is outputting the desired information. Let us now continue with another example of Ohio Scientific's multi-conditional report-writer, this time showing how the statistical functions may be used.

One example is a payroll earnings and deduction report, often referred to as a payroll register. This report is printed from a file containing information on only the people being paid on a particular payroll, but for those people, this file contains whatever data is needed to print paychecks and/or this report.

The operations performed by the person running the computer consist of merely answering questions that determine the format of the report, where the data is to come from, what *is to be* printed, what the headings should look like, what conditions are in effect, and what statistical functions should be

operative. From these answers the report is printed as specified. In many cases, these report-writers are used in developmental work to print the same report several times using different formats so that comparison of the resultant products may be made. When the decision is made as to which format is best, a fixed program may be easily created from the report-writer so that the operator does not have to answer the repetitive questions on each run.

For the payroll register we are using as our example, the dialogue between the operator and the computer will consist of the following questions and answers:

CONSOLE OR PRINTER ? P
SINGLE OR DOUBLE SPACED REPORT ? S
VERTICAL OR HORIZONTAL FORMAT (V OR H) ? H
KEY FILE OR MASTER FILE ACCESS ? M
DEVICE MASTER FILE IS STORED ON ? A
MASTER FILE NAME, PASSWORD ? K
?? PASS
ENTER REPORT HEADING ? EARNINGS AND DEDUCTIONS REPORT 5/15/79

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*  ALL FIELD NAMES WILL BE DISPLAYED WITH THEIR  *
*  FIELD NUMBER                                  *
*  SPECIFY IF A PARTICULAR FIELD SHOULD APPEAR ON*
*  THE REPORT                                    *
*  BY ENTERING A '↑' FIELD NUMBER FOR EACH FIELD. IF*
*  YOU WANT                                      *
*  ALL THE FIELDS IN A FILE PRINTED ON THE REPORT IN*
*  THE SAME                                      *
*  ORDER THEY APPEAR IN THE FILE, TYPE THE WORD 'ALL'*
*  INSTEAD                                       *
*  OF '↑' FIELD NUMBER. <<NOTICE>> ENTER THE FIELD*
*  NUMBERS IN                                    *
*  THE ORDER YOU WISH THE FIELDS TO BE PRINTED ON*
*  THE REPORT!                                   *
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1) NAME
(2) EMPLOYEE NUMBER
3) REGULAR HOURS WORKED
(4) OVERTIME HOURS WORKED
5) PAY PER HOUR
(6) REGULAR PAY
7) OVERTIME PAY
(8) COMMISSIONS
9) OTHER PAY
(10) FICA DEDUCTION
11) FEDERAL INCOME DEDUCTION
(12) STATE TAX
13) LOCAL TAX
(14) INSURANCE DEDUCTION
15) OTHER DEDUCTIONS
↑1↑3↑5↑6↑10↑11↑12↑13↑-

DO YOU WISH TO CHANGE ANY HEADINGS (Y OR N) ? Y
DO YOU WISH TO CHANGE HEADING # 1 :NAME ? N
DO YOU WISH TO CHANGE HEADING # 2 :REGULAR HOURS WORKED ? Y
ENTER NEW HEADING ? REG HRS
DO YOU WISH TO CHANGE HEADING # 3 :PAY PER HOUR ? Y
ENTER NEW HEADING ? HRLY A__PAY
DO YOU WISH TO CHANGE HEADING # 4 :REGULAR PAY ? Y
ENTER NEW HEADING ? REG PAY
DO YOU WISH TO CHANGE HEADING # 5 :FICA DEDUCTION ? Y
ENTER NEW HEADING ? FICA
DO YOU WISH TO CHANGE HEADING # 6 :FEDERAL INCOME DEDUCTION ? Y
ENTER NEW HEADING ? FEDERAL
DO YOU WISH TO CHANGE HEADING # 7 :STATE TAX ? Y
ENTER NEW HEADING ? STATE
DO YOU WISH TO CHANGE HEADING # 8 :LOCAL TAX ? Y
ENTER NEW HEADING ? LOA__CAL
HOW MANY CONDITIONS DO YOU WISH TO SET (0>4) ? 0
DO YOU WISH TO GENERATE ANY STATISTICAL INFORMATION ? Y
ENTER THE SELECTIONS WHICH YOU WOULD LIKE TO SUM
IF NONE, SIMPLY HIT THE RETURN KEY

(1) NAME	(2) REG HRS
(3) HRLY PAY	(4) REG PAY
(5) FICA	(6) FEDERAL
(7) STATE	(8) LOCAL

ENTER YOUR SELECTION(S)
?↑2↑4↑5↑6↑7↑8

The report generated by this program appears as follows:

For another type of output, the OS-DMS multi-file multi-format report-writer generates reports based on information contained in up to three files. For instance, a real estate agency might have a location file that contains a brief description of all the nearby cities in which they have listings, along with a listing file that contains a description of the current real estate available for sale. The contents of these files could be as shown below:

Location File	Listing File
City	Owner
Population	Street
Schools	City
Taxes	Rooms
	Bedrooms
	Price

Whenever the agency interests a person in buying real estate, it simply generates the multi-file report-writer with these two files to obtain a copy of all the listings within the stated price range, along with a brief description of the city in which they are listed. The multi-file report-writer is a convenient utility, which permits the user to generate a vertical or horizontal formatted report that may contain a collection of information from up to three files. Normally, to obtain such a collection of information, the user would have to generate two or three separate reports, thus involving time and additional paper to keep track of.

Note: Each file must contain the same contents in the key field. That means the contents of a key field must also be found in the field to be keyed on in other files. This means that the city field of the location file must contain the same names of the cities as the listing file.

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NAME	REG HRS	HRLY PAY	REG PAY	FICA	FEDERAL	STATE	LOCAL
BROWN JAMES	25	3.75	93.75	5.75	.04	.34	.94
CLARK WILLIAM	.5	3	1.5	.09	0	0	.02
MORRIS DAVID	22.75	4.25	96.69	5.93	.48	.36	.97
STEVENSON KAREN	13	3.00	39.00	2.39	0	.20	.39
THOMPSON PHIL	4	3.25	13.00	.00	0	.07	.13
JOHNSON HENRY	8.5	5.25	44.62	2.74	0	.10	.45

SUMMATIONS

REG HRS	REG PAY	FICA	FEDERAL	STATE	LOCAL
73.75	288.56	17.7	.52	1.07	2.9

CONSOLE(C) OR PRINTER(P) OUTPUT ? P
VERTICAL(V) OR HORIZONTAL(H) FORMAT ? V
OS-DMS MULTI-FILE REPORT WRITER

DO YOU WISH TO USE 2 OR 3 FILES (2 OR 3)? 2
ENTER REPORT HEADING ? CENTRAL REALTY WORLD 6/1/79
DEVICE MASTER FILE # 1 STORED ON ? A
MASTER FILE NAME # 1, PASSWORD ? CITYS,PASS

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**********************************************************
* ALL FIELD NAMES WILL BE DISPLAYED WITH THEIR FIELD NUMBER,  *
* SPECIFY IF A PARTICULAR FIELD SHOULD APPEAR ON THE REPORT   *
* BY ENTERING A '↑' FIELD NUMBER FOR EACH FIELD. IF YOU WANT  *
* ALL THE FIELDS IN A FILE PRINTED ON THE REPORT, TYPE THE    *
* WORD 'ALL' INSTEAD OF '↑' FIELD NUMBER.                     *
* <<NOTICE>> THE ORDER IN WHICH THE FIELDS WILL APPEAR ON THE *
* REPORT MAYBE ARRANGED LATER IN THE PROGRAM!!!               *
**********************************************************
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ENTER A C TO CONTINUE ? C
(1) CITY (2) POPULATION
(3) SCHOOLS (4) TAXES
'↑' FIELD # OR KEY LABEL FROM FILE 1 ? ↑1
ENTER '↑' FIELD # FOR EACH FIELD YOU WISH TO APPEAR ON THE REPORT
? ↑1↑2↑3↑4
DEVICE MASTER FILE # 2 STORED ON ? B
MASTER FILE NAME # 2, PASSWORD ? REALI,PASS
(1) OWNER (2) STREET
(3) CITY (4) ROOMS
(5) BEDROOMS (6) PRICE
'↑'FIELD # OR LABEL TO BE KEYED ON IN FILE 2 ? ↑3
ENTER '↑'FIELD # FOR EACH FIELD YOU WISH TO APPEAR ON THE REPORT
? ↑1↑2↑4↑5↑6

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OWNER	SMITH
STREET	123 ANYSTREET
CITY	KENT
POPULATION	85000
SCHOOL RATING	FAIR
TAX RATE	56
ROOMS	11
BEDROOMS	4
LISTED AT	99000
OWNER	KARSON
STREET	33 THIRD
CITY	RAVENA
POPULATION	44000
SCHOOL RATING	BAD
TAX RATE	44
ROOMS	6
BEDROOMS	2
LISTED AT	39000
OWNER	ROBERTS
STREET	12 FOREST
CITY	AURORA
POPULATION	12000
SCHOOL RATING	GOOD
TAX RATE	63
ROOMS	8
BEDROOMS	2
LISTED AT	89000
OWNER	MARTIN
STREET	53 WOODSIDE
CITY	MANTUA
POPULATION	4000
SCHOOL RATING	FAIR
TAX RATE	50
ROOMS	8
BEDROOMS	3
LISTED AT	62500

For comparison of horizontal and vertical formatting, the following run produces the same information as above. Based on the format, however, it is easier to key on specific items, though perhaps not as many items may be presented for each listing (if the records have too many fields to place in the print area).

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CONSOLE(C) OR PRINTER(P) OUTPUT ? P
VERTICAL(V) OR HORIZONTAL(H) FORMAT ? H
OS-DMS MULTI-FILE REPORT WRITER
DO YOU WISH TO USE 2 OR 3 FILES (2 OR 3)? 2
ENTER REPORT HEADING ? CENTRAL REALTY WORLD 6/1/79
DEVICE MASTER FILE # 1 STORED ON ? A
MASTER FILE NAME # 1, PASSWORD ? CITYS,PASS

**********************************************************
* ALL FIELD NAMES WILL BE DISPLAYED WITH THEIR FIELD NUMBER,  *
* SPECIFY IF A PARTICULAR FIELD SHOULD APPEAR ON THE REPORT   *
* BY ENTERING A '↑' FIELD NUMBER FOR EACH FIELD. IF YOU WANT  *
* ALL THE FIELDS IN A FILE PRINTED ON THE REPORT, TYPE THE    *
* WORD 'ALL' INSTEAD OF '↑'FIELD NUMBER.                      *
* <<NOTICE>> THE ORDER IN WHICH THE FIELDS WILL APPEAR ON THE *
* REPORT MAYBE ARRANGED LATER IN THE PROGRAM!!!               *
**********************************************************

ENTER A C TO CONTINUE ? C
(1) CITY              (2) POPULATION
(3) SCHOOLS           (4) TAXES
'↑'FIELD # FOR EACH FIELD YOU WISH TO APPEAR ON THE REPORT***
?↑3↑4
DEVICE MASTER FILE # 2 STORED ON ? B
MASTER FILE NAME # 2, PASSWORD ? REALI,PASS
(1) OWNER             (2) STREET
(3) CITY              (4) ROOMS
(5) BEDROOMS          (6) PRICE
'↑'FIELD # OR LABEL TO BE KEYED ON IN FILE 2 ? ↑3
***ENTER '↑'FIELD # FOR EACH FIELD YOU WISH TO APPEAR ON THE REPORT***
?↑1↑2↑3↑6

**********************************************************
* THE FIELD(S) THAT WILL BE DISPLAYED AFTER THIS PARAGRAPH ARE *
* THOSE WHICH WERE CHOSEN TO APPEAR ON THE REPORT. ENTER '↑'   *
* FIELD # OF ANY OR ALL OF THE FIELDS IN THE ORDER THEY SHOULD *
* APPEAR ON THE REPORT. IF YOU WANT ALL OF THE FIELDS TO BE ON *
* THE REPORT, IN THE SAME ORDER THEY ARE IN NOW, TYPE THE WORD *
* 'ALL' INSTEAD OF '↑'FIELD NUMBER.                            *
**********************************************************

ENTER A C TO CONTINUE ? C
(1) SCHOOLS           (2) TAXES
(3) OWNER             (4) STREET
(5) CITY              (6) PRICE
?↑3↑4↑5↑1↑2↑6
DO YOU WISH TO CHANGE ANY HEADINGS (Y OR N) ? N
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The report generated by this program appears as follows:

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OWNER	STREET	CITY	SCHOOLS	TAXES	PRICE
SMITH	123 ANYSTREET	KENT	FAIR	56	99000
KARSON	33 THIRD	RAVENA	BAD	44	39000
ROBERTS	12 FOREST	AURORA	GOOD	63	89000
MARTIN	53 WOODSIDE	MANTUA	FAIR	50	62500
BROWNE	34 WINDSOR	HUDSON	GOOD	44	99500
SUMMERS	98 THOMPSON	AKRON	POOR	48	81500
SNYDER	23 EDGEWOOD	STREETSBORO	POOR	44	85900

In the next issue, we will continue our exploration of features of OS-DMS.

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(from page 7)

ritos CA 90701) or *Computing Teacher* (Computing Center, Eastern Oregon State College, La Grande OR 97850). I am sorry to see it go.

Software for Schools

Microphys (2048 Ford St., Brooklyn NY 11229) has announced over 90 programs on cassette for the old PET: in chemistry, physics, math and vocabulary for junior and senior high-school use. A limited number will also be available from Commodore.

Microcomputer-Industry Trade Association

MITA (345 Sweet Road, Woodside CA 94062) is just what the microcomputer market needs. Both the consumer and the manufacturer or dealer will benefit. The organization has just started but is rapidly growing. I hope membership in this association will be a sign of a responsible company. Two of the association's present members are in the PET market: Connecticut Microcomputer and the *PET Gazette*. Other PET companies should join this organization.

PET Shirts

High-quality colored T-shirts are available from Computer Way at only $5.95 per shirt. Both children and adult sizes are available. Every proud PET owner should wear one, especially to PET club meetings. Several different PET designs are available. Your name can be included for a slight additional charge.

PET Reference Book

Channel Data (5960 Mandarin Ave., Goleta CA 93017) has come out with the second edition of their *Channel Data Book*. It is a vast improvement over the first edition and would be a worthwhile addition to every PET owner's library. For $20 you receive a high-quality 3-ring binder filled with listings of PET companies and their software and hardware. Since it is organized by category, it is easy to use and very helpful.

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0 INPUT "[CLR]STARTING LINE NUMBER  100[ 5 LEFT]";NL:INPUT "INTERVALS OF  10[ 4 LEFT]";IV
1 PRINT "[HOME][ 28 DOWN]";:PT=PEEK(50003)
2 PRINT "[HOME][ 18 DOWN]";:FOR X=1 TO 4:PRINT "                                    ":NEXT
3 PRINT "[HOME][ 21 DOWN]";NL;:POKE 525-PT*367,0
4 GET A$:IF A$="" GOTO 4
5 PRINT A$;:IF ASC(A$)<>13 GOTO 4
6 PRINT "ONL="NL+IV":IV="IV:PT=PEEK(50003):PRINT "RUN[HOME]
7 PRINT "[HOME][ 17 DOWN]";:POKE 525-PT*367,5:FOR X=527 TO 531:POKE X+PT*96,13:NEXT X:END
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Automatic line numberer program. (First character after first quotes in line 6 is a zero.)

Unique Programs

I have a copy of Toker, an example of the best animated graphics presently available. This game is especially hilarious if you understand the program's name. Although the programmer wishes to remain unknown, this top-quality, challenging program is a good example of how several different things can be animated simultaneously in real time on the PET screen. I hope it will be available soon in the planned Alternative Game Pak from the *PET Gazette*.

An alternative game from England is called Trees. This non-violent game attempts to have action with graphics, without anyone being zapped or killed. One person plays, trying to bring enough food and love to two trees so that they grow and blossom. This game is slated for inclusion in the Alternative Game Pak.

If you didn't make it to Harrisburg, and you're a nihilist at heart, try Nuclear Reaction, being introduced by *Creative Computing* (PO Box 789-M, Morristown NJ 07960) (it is one of six programs on Graphics Games-2 selling for $7.95). In this two-player game, each player tries to start chain-reaction explosions. To win you must "blow up" the entire board displayed on your screen. If you don't want to grow trees, you can "glow" them.

Hunt Distribution Delays Gone

Hunt is a sophisticated and flexible game for the PET. It will run on both the old and new PETs. The *PET Gazette* was going to help distribute this series of programs, but was so swamped with work that distribution was delayed. This problem was finally solved when Computer Way entered the PET market. The *PET Gazette* has put together Hunt Pak 1, which includes Hunt (the game structure program), Huntwriter (the program that allows you to create new Hunt game data tapes easily) and several sample game data files. Computer Way will distribute Hunt Pak 1 for the *PET Gazette*. As with all *Gazette* Pak series tapes, the cost is only $10 per Pak. Visa and Master Charge are accepted by Computer Way. Please don't order Hunt from the *Gazette*; it only will add long delays to your order.

Automatic Line Numbering

Readers have requested that I print the listing for a program to provide automatic line numbering as an aid while keying in a BASIC program. The program as listed should work on both old and new PETs. This program is only eight lines long and allows the last five lines keyed in to be seen. Although some lines appear to be too long, if compactly keyed in they do fit onto two lines.

Please address any correspondence to: Len Lindsay, *PET Gazette*, 1929 Northport Dr., Rm. 6, Madison WI 53704.

BOOKS

Digital Design with Standard MSI and LSI
2nd ed., Thomas Blakeslee
Wiley-Interscience, Somerset NJ
Hardbound, 400 pages, $17.50

As you might expect, this book has an early chapter devoted to conventional Boolean logic and combinational circuit logic design. This includes minimization of the number of gates to accomplish a circuit function.

However, as a prelude to this Boolean logic exercise, the author introduces the concepts most important to the industry in designing a product: to minimize the package count and not necessarily the gate count. Blakeslee calls the various types of MSI and LSI circuits "black boxes," which perform complex functions within their boundaries, and we can design products in a block-by-block structure. For each block, we decide on the output we desire. Then we can select the device that will give us the desired output for the given input.

To aid us in minimizing package count Blakeslee offers novel ways multiplexers and decoders may be used to fulfill complex combinational logic equations. He follows this with sequential logic examples of an even sequence control in both gate-for-gate design and an equivalent, elegantly simple MSI implementation using multiplexers to minimize the package count.

This leads to the introduction of the microprocessor as a programmable logic element able to perform many different logic functions without having to physically reconfigure the logic elements. The machine-language instructions are kept in the memory to tell the multi-use logic elements how to handle the input signals.

As a follow-up to the microprocessor section, Blakeslee touches on assembly-language programming, assemblers, PL/M, and briefly explains the concept of microprogramming as compared to assembly-language coding.

ESFOA Newsletter

Secretary, Fred Waters

Well, you say, what's an ESFOA? EXATRON STRINGY FLOPPY OWNERS ASSOCIATION. The Stringy Floppy is a fast reliable mass storage subsystem for microcomputer programs and data. ESFOA is an intensively active users group whose members devise and exchange ideas, software, hardware, and anything else that will increase the skill and fun of using their systems in general, and the Stringy Floppy in particular.

The TRS-80 model of the ESF was introduced at the 4th Computer Faire in San Francisco, May 11. The S-100 model was introduced at the Second Computer Faire in San Jose a year ago, and the SWTP version has just been placed on the market. More on these others later. Look at the photo above. If you add a flat cable for a connection into the back of the TRS-80, and a small sealed-unit power supply for the AC outlet, you have the TRS-80 model.

This remarkable peripheral for your TRS-80 will load a 4K-byte program into memory in 6 seconds. The small tape wafers that store this material insert into the slot in the front of the module pictured above. They contain a 5-foot continuous loop of digital-quality magnetic tape. Data density is 80 9-bit bytes per inch; transport speed is 10 ips; and the baud rate is 7200.

How did all this good stuff get into the tape wafer in the first place? You loaded it from memory using the Stringy Floppy and a new tape wafer. Complete users instructions for the ESF are:

1. After entering 'SYSTEM' in your Level II BASIC, type '/12345' and touch the ENTER key.
2. To save contents of RAM, type '@SAVE', then 'ENTER'.
3. To load into memory, type '@LOAD', then 'ENTER'.

That's it! These two commands are now in your Level II command table, and can be used as needed.

If you have a longer program than 4K, the 10-foot wafer will save or load 8K in 12 seconds, the 20-foot wafer will save or load 16K in 24 seconds, and so on. If you need it, there is a 50-foot wafer and a 75-footer, with proportional higher capacities.

This is the first issue of the ESFOA Newsletter to be published in Kilobaud Microcomputing. This way we can reach the widest possible range of ESF users to keep them informed of software development using the ESF, techniques for getting the most use out of their systems, and system extensions; and at the same time let others know about this remarkable subsystem. We intend also to address current and new owners of the S-100 ESF, as well as the SWTP model, and down the road, the PET and Apple models.

Probably the most remarkable feature of the Exatron Stringy Floppy is its reliability. Yours truly demonstrated it almost continuously for three days at the Computer Faire, and the only time without exception that it didn't work perfectly was when I typed "@SQVE" instead of "@SAVE". I can tolerate that! Every part of the ESF design and operation is to industrial digital tape standards. Control is entirely in the firmware, a 2716 EPROM. There are no switches or controls—the only physical handling is the insertion or withdrawal of the wafer you select. The tape, the recording technique, and all the electronics are selected and designed for digital data storage and retrieval. IT REALLY WORKS GREAT!

A provocative observation at the Faire: we talked to quite a few TRS-80 owners who were methodically going up and down the aisles pricing every disk system in sight. When they got to the Exatron booth and saw the Stringy Floppy in action, they—and we—realized that they didn't really need or want a disk. They just wanted to get away from audio tape recorders and audio tapes!

Did you see that article in the May 14 issue of the Wall Street Journal? Mitchell Lynch, a staff reporter, was provided with a TRS-80 by the WSJ to get the experience on which to base an article. He was considered "typical" as to family status, and also didn't like to program. He told what he did with the computer over several months, and some of the problems he had. There's no question that much of the negative side of the picture arose out of the difficulty of using a cassette recorder, with audio design standards, audio-quality tape, and audio knob adjustments to make. (He never commented on his reaction to the time required to load program material at 500 baud.) His conclusion: "Today's home computers require a lot of fooling with."

Several TRS-80 users at the Faire asked, "How do I connect the Stringy Floppy to my bus connector? I already have a printer connected there." The solution to that problem is the Exatron BUS-EX. The BUS-EX is a 40-pin connector cable with a female connector for the back of your TRS-80 (or Expansion Interface), and two male bus connectors so you can plug in two peripherals. If you need more than two bus connectors—say for multiple Stringy Floppys—you can order a 3-for-1 or a 4-for-1 BUS-EX.

Did you know that ESFOA has met for the Saturday morning workshop at the Exatron plant every week since January 1978? Well it has. Coffee, a large round table both figurative and literal, and friendly help from other members are always available. If you live in the Bay Area or visit there, come by on any Saturday morning between 9 and 11, to 3555 Ryder St., Santa Clara.

This association of professionals, hobbyists, and beginners is an invaluable fringe benefit of owning and using the Stringy Floppy. Owners of the S-100 model started out this way last year, and the results have been astounding. That version of the Stringy Floppy now has a very efficient easy-to-use Utility Package; a concise, beautifully-documented monitor–ESFMON–for both tape routines and stand-alone monitor functions; a 4K Tape Operating System-ESFTOS –which supports multiple named files on one tape, multiple drives, general-purpose I/O routines for all popular system configurations, and other DOS-like features; and many other fine programs including linking loaders, a CP/M-compatible operating system, and some highly useful improvements to standard assemblers. No reason in the world why the collective efforts of TRS-80 owners using the Stringy Floppy won't go the same way!

HOW TO ORDER

The Exatron Stringy Floppy for the TRS-80 is assembled and tested, and is covered by a 30-day moneyback guarantee and a one-year full warranty. Within seconds of turning on your TRS-80, your ESF is up and running. The ESF is $249.50, and a box of 10 wafers, 5-ft., 10-ft., or 20-ft., is $20.00. The BUS-EX is $15.00. All prices include shipping and handling; CA residents add tax. To order fastest, call our toll-free number and give us your MasterCharge or Visa number.

If you have any questions about these products, about Exatron, or about ESFOA, call the HOT LINE. Address letters to ESFOA, 3557 Ryder St., Santa Clara, CA 95051.

OUTSIDE CALIFORNIA **HOT LINE**

800-538-8559

Finally, concluding chapters cover time-sharing of logic elements through multiplexing, methods of data transmission and characteristics of certain types of I/O and storage devices.

Generally speaking, I consider this book a significant self-teaching tool for someone interested in logic design. The text is well organized and readable, even for a beginner, and stays away from heavy math or theory. It is also inspirational because it allows you to "discover" that there is more than one way to accomplish the desired result.

Digital Design encourages you to keep up with what functions are available in MSI and LSI. When an application arises, this knowledge will come in handy, simplifying the design, decreasing the debug time (fewer lines and functions to check out), improving the reliability (fewer packages means less chance for human error in assembly and fewer assembly steps) and putting your working product or project into its intended application more quickly.

At $17.50, the price of this book is well below the average $25 digital-engineering text, and, considering its value as a practical learning tool, it is money well spent. This second edition is 43 pages longer than the 1975 edition and offers an expanded section on microprocessors and their support circuitry.

As these components mature, they will probably (as predicted by numerous authors) become the generalized logic design elements of the future. The knowledge and approach toward a black-box design concept, which this book provides, should prove useful to the practicing designer and hobbyist in the future.

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How You Can Learn to Live with Computers
Harry Kleinberg, Penguin Books
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Softbound, $2.95

Being in two fields, broadcasting and computering, that are constantly bombarded by technological change, I often find myself caught up in that change so much that I forget the social implications involved. Judging from the titles of the books that pass over my desk, so do most of the authors who write about these two changing fields.

Once in a while, then, it's nice to come across something that takes you back to a broader view of technology. I've heard so many numbers lately, I'm not sure what the differences are between an 8085 and an 8080A; when I sit down to do assembly-language programming I can't remember if LXI A, 01 is an 8080 or 6502 mnemonic; in short, future shock is starting to blur my mind.

Harry Kleinberg's book, *How You Can Learn to Live with Computers,* put an end to all my troubles, at least for a week. Rather than dealing with 1s and 0s at length, Kleinberg gets the technical aspect out of the way fast—all the computer really does is look to see which way the switch is set, on or off. True, the computer ends up having a lot of those switches (quick, what's $8 \times 32 \times 1024$?), but still, the actual act of programming is little more than that of a switchman who chooses which way to have a train go at any fork.

Most of Kleinberg's book is about the rationale that goes behind deciding which way to throw the switch, and how it's quite possible to throw the switches correctly, but for the wrong reasons.

In order to really make his point, Kleinberg goes all the way back to ancient Greece and my favorite quotable notable: Aristotle. Aristotelian logic really is essential to computers; consider for a moment the following syllogism:

1. All engineers are brilliant
2. Caliban is an engineer
3. Therefore, Caliban is brilliant

In computer terms, point 1 above is ANDed with point 2. If the result is positive, point 3 is correct. Therefore, according to Kleinberg, if you threw the switches to positive for points 1 and 2, a computer would have to conclude point 3. Ah, but who decides whether those first two premises are true or not? Certainly not the computer. Therefore, we quickly find that Kleinberg has dismissed the computer as a simple machine and has designated the programmer as the important ingredient. One of the most important things that can be learned about computing from this book is that we feed *solutions* into the computer, not problems.

I should be careful not to give you an erroneous impression. This book is not just a treatise on logic. Kleinberg somehow manages to introduce the reader to Boolean algebra, 9's complements, digital circuitry and a myriad of other computer-related mathematics that go far beyond what Aristotle ever imagined. Not only that, but he does so with a wit and fluidity that defy attempts to put the book aside.

Nor is mathematics the only topic of interest discussed here. *How You Can Learn to Live with Computers* is probably one of the best essays on intelligence I've ever come across. What constitutes intelligence? Is the computer intelligent? Will the computer become intelligent? All these topics are discussed at length by Kleinberg.

For instance, how does emotion play a part in intelligence? Kleinberg gives the example of an engineer who came to work for RCA. This engineer spent the better part of his first day on the job poring over numbers and a calculator. Everyone thought he was working on something of great importance to the project; instead he was determining a formula by way of which he could determine the best method for getting to work (the formula is $F=(t-6:00)/T * C * d$, by the way; I'll leave the details to those who read the book). After he figured that driving was the best method, everyone thought that he would be driving to work. But wait, emotion hadn't played its part: the engineer then proceeded to come up with another formula because he preferred to take the train!

What does the above anecdote have to do with computers, you ask? Well, if you have to ask, then I urge you to read the book.

Even now I'm not through telling you what's in this little book (3×6 inches, 216 pages). To tell you the truth, I'm not sure I could possibly do it justice in the short confines of this review. To give you an idea, however, I'll tell you that, besides emotion, intuition, combinations of memory intuitions and modeling all play a part.

But what of the poor computer? A few paragraphs ago I told you that all the computer did was take your solution and restate it. Why are computers such a menacing threat to our society? Why are those computerized bills always wrong? Why doesn't the computer respond to my request for a refund? Why, why, why? I think in the end it all coalesces into a big: WHO'S WRITING THE PROGRAMS? I think Kleinberg would agree with me.

In closing, I'd like to shift gears for a second. I teach several exceptionally talented elementary-school children about computers. We all sit around some Radio Shack computers for a couple hours a week and write programs and talk equipment, programs, numbers, algorithms and the like. After reading this book and using it in connection with my work with these children, I suddenly realized that computer literacy has nothing to do with sitting in front of a computer. Nor does it have anything to do with writing a program.

What we're failing to keep in mind as we attempt to keep up with the overwhelmingly fast changes in computing is that these are machines, and it doesn't make one iota of difference whether we're using a CDC 6600 or a KIM-1 computer; *we're* what's important and we'd better never lose sight of that. It's really amazing how quickly we keep forgetting the adage of "garbage in, garbage out" (GIGO), but it's even more amazing how quickly we've forgotten *why* the phrase was coined in the first place.

How You Can Learn to Live with Computers is a required text for all computer users, as far as I'm concerned. We need to step back and look at the whole once in a while. That Kleinberg writes like a first-class novelist certainly helps one digest his message. At $2.95, this has to be the cheapest essential component of every computer user's equipment.

Thom Hogan
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BASIC Programming for Scientists and Engineers
Wilbur N. Hubin
Prentice Hall, Inc.
Englewood Cliffs NJ
1978, $10.95

If you are science oriented and looking for a book to use as a text for learning BASIC, either by self-study or in a classroom, this book is a good bet. It combines a thorough instruction of the basics of BASIC with a touch of humor and many program examples and practice problems. The title indicates the book is for scientists and engineers, but don't let that scare you. Anyone with a high-school advanced-math education and a touch of calculus could understand 90 percent of the problems, flowcharts and programs.

The book is written in four sections. The first section explains the BASIC language, what each of the instructions does, and gives pointers on the best way to use the language to write efficient, bug-free programs.

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before a program, then gives about a half dozen good flowchart examples of programs that might be found in a math program package.

"Programming for Science and Engineering," the third section, simply gives many examples of programs that might be used by scientists and engineers. There is not much instruction in this section. It is meant for the reader to learn by example, and the examples given are good ones. Some of the problems covered are: roots of equations, least-squares curve fits, numerical solutions to differential equations and errors and error studies. An extensive list of references is included in this section.

The fourth section consists of about 40 different problems that are effectively solved by a computer. These problems are taken from engineering and physics, but most of the physics is already done. All the reader needs to do is turn the equations into flowcharts and programs.

As you can tell by the title, this book is heavy on engineering and science, and offers little more than BASIC and flowcharting instruction for people interested in games, business or control applications. As an engineer, however, I found it interesting, very educational and well written.

This 8½ × 11-inch paperback is clearly printed (the type is professionally set, not copied from an 8 × 10 matrix printer printout) on quality paper. There are numerous clear illustrations, especially in the problems section. Its four appendices make this book serviceable as a handbook, although the index is not very detailed.

I highly recommend this book to anyone with a science background who is interested in learning BASIC or just looking for many good programs.

Mark K. Boyd
Lexington KY

Master Handbook of Digital Logic Applications
William L. Hunter
Tab Books
Blue Ridge Summit PA
1976, 390 pages

I originally purchased this publication as a teaching tool to assist in understanding the true nature of ac and dc noise and how it interacts with digital IC logic. It met those expectations and provided much more.

The handbook is divided into eight chapters. Chapter 1, "Understanding Digital Logic," is a review of the six basic switching operations, various flip-flops and counters, half and full adders and voltage-controlled multivibrators. Also covered are a few exotic applications of TTL such as audio frequency comparators, frequency synthesizers and a motor speed control.

Chapter 2, "Noise Immunity: CMOS vs Bipolar Logic," covers various types of noise, common methods of protecting logic circuitry from it and acceptable tests performed to determine how "noise immune" a particular logic family is. Specific topics in this chapter include noise sources, noise precautions, noise specifications and noise immunity tests. Simple equations have been provided to enhance explanations of noise margins and to supply a useful tool whereby the designer can calculate noise margins with parameters provided in data sheets for a particular logic family.

Chapter 3, "Discrete Logic and Special Logic Techniques," consists of specialized needs in logic design and unusual logic functions using packaged discrete transistors. Subjects explored entail fundamentals of current-mode logic, clock drivers, initial design work, low-power circuitry, error detection and correction, pulse-handling techniques and digital filter techniques, to mention a few.

Chapter 4 discusses "High-Threshold Logic," its basic operations and applications with a particularly thorough aspect of HTL logic flip-flops.

Chapter 5, "Field Effect Transistors: Theory and Logic Application," examines mechanical descriptions, electrical characteristics and digital applications of junction FETs and metal oxide semiconductor FETs.

Chapter 6, "Emitter-Coupled Logic Operation," provides insight into the capabilities of various ECL logic families and their applications and operations. Particular attention is given to the understanding of ECL data sheets, and a table for definition of terms unique to ECL is provided.

Chapter 7, "Emitter-Coupled Logic Interconnection Techniques," presents information necessary to construct a reliable high-performance ECL system using IC devices.

Chapter 8, "High-Frequency Digital Applications," is devoted to the examination of some actual working circuits that appear in typical system and subsystem applications.

Graphs, schematics, truth tables, block diagrams and mil-spec logic diagrams are provided throughout the text to clarify the information presented.

In summary, this handbook is not suggested for the novice computer hobbyist as it extends beyond basic electronic and basic digital logic theory. However, it is a must for the *truly* serious hobbyist, student, engineer and technician seeking information in the application and design of digital logic systems.

The only criticism I can make is that the economy of the binding material couldn't bear up under the pressure of the first day's reading.

Kent L. Karrer
Seattle WA

COMPUTER CLINIC

I have a TRS-80 and a Heathkit H14 line printer. I must now run my TRS-80 through an RS-232 interface to the H14's RS-232 interface (parallel to serial to serial to parallel). The H14 uses a 3870 CPU, and I would like to run from my TRS-80 printer port right to the printer's CPU (parallel to parallel); this would save the use of two RS-232s and the software to drive them.

I am just getting into computers and don't have the knowledge to do this, so any information you could give me would be helpful. This might make a good article for your magazine, as there are many people with TRS-80s, and the Heathkit H14 printer is good, inexpensive and easy to build.

Glen A. Jenkins
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The "(Con)text" program input problem referred to by Louise Frankenberg in the June 1979 Computer Clinic is common to various Microsoft implementations of BASIC in that a colon or comma is used as a string delimiter. Specifically, in the TRS-80 Level II, the corresponding locations for these two characters are 223CH and 223FH, where they are loaded in the D and B registers prior to calling a string-scanning routine. Since this portion of code is in ROM, it cannot be modified by a simple POKE command. Fortunately, however, there is an easy solution. Start the input of any line containing a colon or comma with a quotation mark (which is ignored).

Roger L. Pape
7545 Marble Drive
Liverpool NY 13088

I am considering adding an IBM Model 50 electronic typewriter for general business use and would like to be able to hook it up to a microcomputer system in the future. Do you have information on interfacing it? It should make a good low-cost, high-quality printer. All functions are under logic level control so it should be easier to connect than a Selectric. Please let me know where I might find such information.

Marlo R. Martin
Berkeley Scientific
Translation Service
PO Box 4248
Berkeley CA 94704

I'm in the market for a small-business computer. I produce a bimonthly photo-marketing newsletter that pairs picture buyers and photographers. I know little about computers and even less about how to find just what I need from an "unbiased" computer salesman. Here's my dilemma; maybe your readers can enlighten me.

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Centronics Miniprinter

The Model 730 miniprinter from Centronics Data Computer Corp., Hudson NH 03051, offers a first-of-its-kind three-in-one paper-handling system and uses the same heavy-duty free-flight print head technology found in all Centronics 700 series printers. The 730 features 50 cps print speed, 80-column line length at 10 characters per inch, full uppercase and lowercase 96-character ASCII set, high-quality 7 × 7 dot-matrix printing, a full line buffer and high-speed carriage return.

The 730's built-in ability to handle not only fanfold or roll paper, but also cut sheets means that now, from just one output device, a user can perform a more diverse set of functions. The long-lasting ribbon system features a Mobius loop, which allows printing on upper and lower portions on alternate passes. Smaller and lighter than the average-size portable typewriter, these dot-matrix printer units weigh less than 10 pounds and measure 14.5 × 11 × 4.89 inches.

The Model 730 is part of a seven-member grouping of miniprinters—Models 730-1 through 730-7. Two models are designed for North America; four will satisfy European demands; while the seventh unit, with a Katakana character set, will be made available in Japan. Prices start as low as $995. Reader Service number C136.

The Model 730.

Percom Software

Development and debugging software for 6800 microcomputer programming has recently been added to the software line of Percom Data Company, 211 N. Kirby, Garland TX 75042. The six programs—an assembler-linking loader, three disassemblers, a relocator and a monitor with debugging conveniences—were developed by Ed Smith's Software Works company and are available on either cassette or disk—except Monitor, which is in EPROM. Cassettes are Kansas City Standard format at 300 baud.

The programs, which work with Percom operating systems, are: Relocating Assembler and Linking Loader (tape, $50; disk, $55.95), Relocating Disassembler and Segmented Source Text Generator (tape, $35; disk, $40.95), Disassembler/Source Generator (tape, $25; disk, $30.95), Disassembler/Trace (tape, $20; disk, $25.95), Relocator (tape, $20; disk, $25.95) and Monitor (on a 2716, $70). Texas residents must add 5 percent sales tax. Reader Service number P7.

IMP System.

Accounting and Word-Processing System

The IMP System is a fully integrated accounting and word-processing system. Its word-processing program can extract from the accounting files alphanumeric data on customers, suppliers, salesmen, sales, payments, commissions, purchases, inventory, etc., and insert the data at any point in a letter. At the rate of one page per minute, users of the IMP System can thus produce in volume correspondence that is personalized, accurate and up to date.

The IMP System, including both hardware and software for both accounting and word processing, is available for about $400 per month (on a 5-year lease).

Infotecs, Inc., One Perimeter Road, Manchester NH 03103. Reader Service number 140.

Cassette Tape Transport

The SEI Model 4240 four-track Digital Cassette Tape Transport is the industry's first high-speed 1600 bpi cassette tape transport. The 4240's four-track capability provides storage capacity comparable to that of 3M data cartridges at less cost and inconvenience to the end user.

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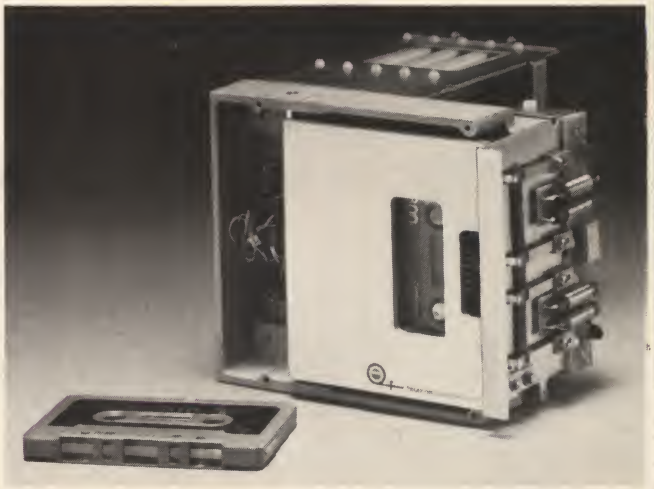

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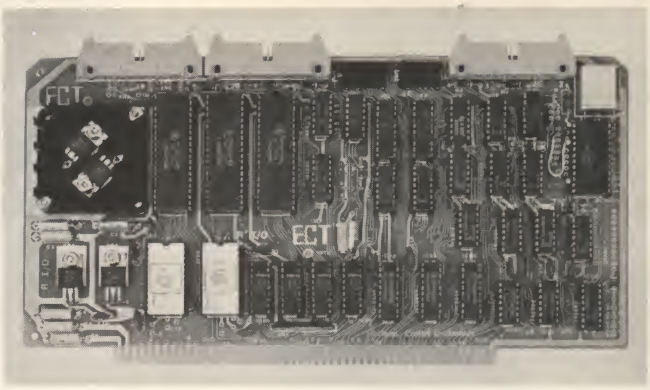

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InterSystems, PO Box 91, Ithaca NY 14850. Reader Service number 141.

Business Software

Graham-Dorian Software Systems, 211 N. Broadway, Wichita KS 67202, has added four programs—Accounts Receivable, Accounts Payable, General Ledger and Job Costing—to their line of computer software for business and industry. The new programs tie together, so the user can start with one and add others as desired.

Their on-line capabilities enable an operator to make a single entry and update all affected files. An inquiry into a file at any time provides up-to-date information with no batching or sorting of input data. Messages on the video display guide the operator each step of the way. An invalid operator request or invalid data entry produces an error message immediately. The new packages are compatible with 8080, 8085 and Z-80-based systems. Reader Service number G20.

Programs from Graham-Dorian.

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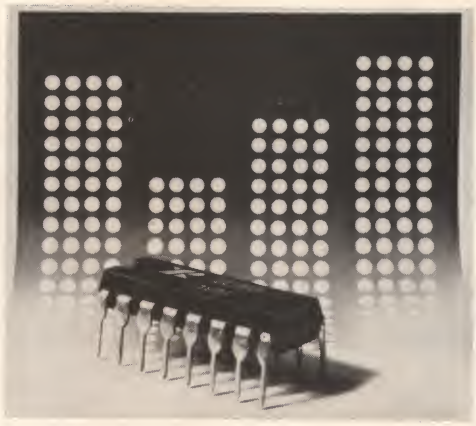
Electronic Control Technology, 763 Ramsey Ave., Hillside NJ 07205. Reader Service number E47.

TRS-80 Light Pen

A self-contained light pen that plugs directly into the Radio Shack TRS-80 bus connector now makes it possible to bypass the TRS-80's keyboard and interact directly with the information displayed on the CRT screen. The light pen adds versatility to most graphics programs and makes possible unique games. Applications include selection from a

TRS-80 light pen in use.

The Trendcom 100.



The XR-2276.

menu displayed on the screen by using the light pen and educational games or teaching aids that allow the student to interact directly with the display on the screen.

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3G Company, Inc., Rt. 3, Box 28a, Gaston OR 97119. Reader Service number T65.

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Ohio Scientific, 1333 Chillicothe Rd., Aurora OH 44202. Reader Service number O1.

Intelligent Printer

The Trendcom 100 Intelligent Printer provides the microcomputer user with 40-column hard copy on 4½ inch wide paper. Interfaces are available for TRS-80, Apple II, PET and Sorcerer.

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This new printer uses a thick film thermal print head to eliminate the wear and reliability problems that have plagued earlier thermal printers. Projected head life is at least 100,000,000 characters. The Trendcom 100 is fully enclosed in a metal and high-impact plastic case and is available in both 115 V ac and 230 V ac versions. Price is $375.

Trendcom, 484 Oakmead Parkway, Sunnyvale CA 94086. Reader Service number T66.

Memory Emulator Card

The DBM-1 memory card allows any S-100 type computer to be used as a memory emulator during program development for small, dedicated systems. It is a 2K byte memory card that can be accessed by both a development computer and an application computer. The development computer loads the memory with the applications program, which can then be executed by the target computer. It can be used as normal system memory when it is not being used for development.

The DBM-1 interfaces to the application computer via one or two EPROM sockets. The memory interface for the target computer is designed to look like any one of four types of EPROM: 2708, 2758, 2716 and TMS 2716. There are sockets along the top of the board, and EPROM type is selected by which socket is used. A 24-line cable connects the socket(s) on the DBM-1 to the EPROM socket(s) on the target processor.

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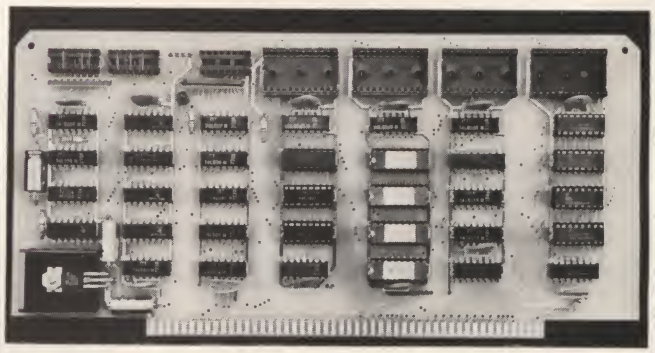

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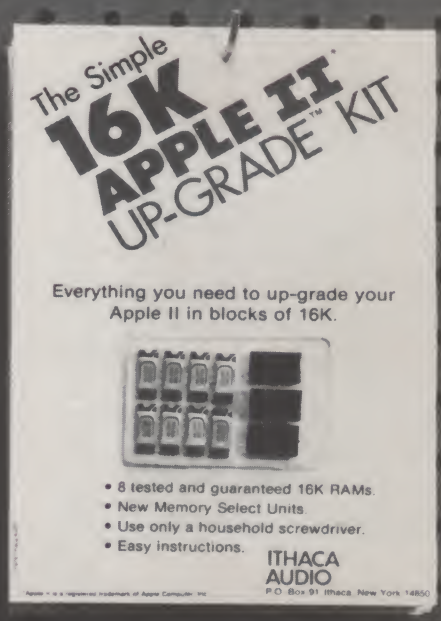

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LETTERS

Article Update

As soon as my article, "A TRS-80/Selectric Word Processor," was published in the June 1979 issue of *Microcomputing*, I received much correspondence, both by phone and by mail. As a result of comments by readers, I felt obliged to make a couple of additional comments, one of which apologetically compensates for some neglect on my part.

1. In estimating the cost of putting together a TRS-80 word processor, I stated the price of a 16K, Level II TRS-80 as $988. Obviously this cost estimate neglects the cost of an expansion interface. To answer some of my readers' questions: Yes, the expansion interface (or an acceptable substitute as marketed by some independent vendors) is required for the AJ-841 Selectric-based printer, just as the expansion interface is required for any line printer used with the TRS-80. My apologies for not being clear on this, and also for neglecting to include the cost of the expansion interface in my cost estimate of the total system.

2. Some readers inform me that local Radio Shack dealers refuse to accept a TRS-80 for maintenance if *any* kind of hardware mod is installed, even if the mod is nothing more than a simple installation of memory chips by the owner. I checked at my local store and the manager advised me that there is no official policy forbidding RS maintenance on a modified TRS-80, but in some cases the home-brew mods may be so extensive as to preclude maintenance by Radio Shack technicians. I can only advise the reader to check with his local Radio Shack store to get a clear reading on local maintenance policy before installing an upper/lowercase hardware mod.

Although it may not have occurred to some of you, let me remind you that independent firms are springing up to perform general maintenance on microcomputers, just like independent TV repair shops. We have a fine group here in Sacramento CA (PCE Electronics at 4782 Dewey Dr.), which does all kinds of things for the TRS-80: installs Level II modules, numeric keypads and upper/lowercase mods, and performs general maintenance at competitive prices. Also, I have seen some ads where firms advertise TRS-80 repairs at a flat rate plus parts. Check around in your area for similar dealerships.

Along these same lines, if enough of you demand an upper/lowercase capability for your TRS-80—and there certainly seems to be plenty of demand—let Tandy know. Maybe they will respond with a factory-installed kit as they did with the numeric keypad.

3. The upper/lowercase mod as described in the Electric Pencil documentation does not, in its standard form, support upper/lowercase in BASIC. However, I have recently completed the machine-language software that makes the Pencil hardware upper/lowercase mod compatible with BASIC. This software works with the Pencil mod with no changes whatsoever, and the keyboard and printer work correctly. Lowercase is obtained in routine typing without shift, uppercase is obtained with shift, and the printer prints what you type in, in uppercase and lowercase. I will provide a fully documented cassette recording of the software for $8. The program can be used with disk. State 16K, 32K or 48K.

To all of you who responded so kindly to my article, thank you.

Allan J. Domuret
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"Depreciation Analysis" Mods

Joe Ligori's article and program, "Depreciation Analysis" (*Microcomputing*, April 1979, p. 82), was most appropriate for those of us preparing our annual dues to the IRS. However, since my own particular depreciation schedules were based on the 125 percent and 150 percent declining balance methods, I took Mr. Ligori's advice and modified the program to fit my needs. The following minor changes to the program provide the user with a method of controlling the percentage of depreciation. My thanks to Mr. Ligori and *Microcomputing* for the original program.

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100 PRINT "DECLINING BAL METHOD
DESIRED (1.25, 1.50, 2.00):";:INPUT Z
210 P=(C-S)/Y
212 P=P/(C-S)*Z
Line 266, Delete "DBL"
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James P. Morgan
Scott AFB IL

Publisher Also Produces Software

Perhaps Peter Stark ("Who Sells Software?" April 1979 issue, p. 48) inadvertently left Hayden off his list. There may be readers of *Microcomputing* who haven't heard that Hayden produces software for the Apple II, KIM-1, PET and TRS-80 machines. Please let them know.

S. William Cook, Jr.
Editorial Director
Hayden Book Co.
Rochelle Park NJ

Computers Go to School

In response to Wayne's editorial of April 1979 categorizing computer types: Have you overlooked the school market in microcomputers, or is the market now large enough to support another magazine, *Educational Computers*? I think that school systems will by far constitute the largest market for microcomputers, peripherals, instructional and game software.

In our rural, small-town school system of 13 schools, we now count 27 PET computers. School boards have indicated they will purchase at least 18 more for the coming school year. The goal announced is for each school to have a classroom full (i.e., 15-25) of computers for each school in the 4-4-3 systems. The rationale is that it takes a roomful of typewriters to teach typing—a computer involves the same kind of practice. That goal is a part of a five-year plan. This would mean a total of 780 computers by 1985, or nearly a doubling of the number each year for the next five years.

As you have indicated, the software requirement is fabulous. We just ordered ten copies of the PET Tutor tapes for use in July.

In the next year we will offer the following basic courses on the PET: (1) a course in computer survival for kids (July 1979); (2) a survival course in computer programming for teachers (September 1979); (3) a course in PILOT for elementary-school teachers (April 1980). All 17 schools in the area, including parochial schools, will have courses in BASIC programming next year.

I think this level of activity may be duplicated in many schools across the country and will reach thousands in a short period.

Everett Q. Carr, Director
Herkimer BOCES Planetarium
E. Herkimer NY

In addition to encouraging as much programming for educational computers as possible via Instant Software, we are also seriously working on starting an educational microcomputing magazine. This means we need staffers: editors, proofreaders, technical editor, some writers, advertising sales, bookkeepers, clerical and production workers. We want to put out a magazine that will help educators know what is available in both hardware and software, and what systems have worked well in school environments. Articles along this line will be accepted for publication in Microcomputing *until the new magazine is ready to go—Wayne.*

EPROMblems

Dr. McFarland's "El Cheapo" EPROM Programmer (March 1979, p. 46) will cause problems when used in an 8080- or Z-80-based system. The $\overline{CS}$ decoding scheme will enable a ROM when an I/O operation involving parts 128_{10} to 159_{10} is performed. If it is an input operation, both the I/O board and the ROM will attempt to put data on the data-input bus. Since most I/O boards use TTL buffers, the MOS ROM could be damaged.

A simple fix is to use a NAND gate (74LS00) and run MEMR-H and an active-high address to its inputs. The NAND gate's output goes to E1 or E2 of the 8205.

Since I do not intend to program more than one ROM at a time, and I have ROM sockets elsewhere, I have replaced the 8205 with a 74LS30 (8-input NAND). The six address lines and MEMR-H must be high in order to get a $\overline{CS}$.

Bernard Jon Siegel
Jacksonville FL

Regarding Mr. Siegel's letter about modifications to my EPROM programmer: Since the prototype was designed for a 6502-based system, I am accus-

tomed to memory-mapped I/O. Reviewing the data sheet for the 8080, I think he is correct that some means of gating out the ROM(s) in the chip decoding scheme is essential. Although I have not tried them, the methods he suggests seem appropriate. This will affect anyone attempting to use the programmer with an 8080 or Z-80 system.

Ward J. McFarland, Jr., M.D.
New Haven CT

Tornado Aftermath

In the recent tornado that wreaked unholy havoc on our city, many of us in the Wichita Valley TRS-80 Users Group lost our computers, our tape and disk library of software, and our library of computer books and periodicals. Even our club's own library of software and publications was destroyed.

We all have plans to replace our personal computers and software, but at this time I am particularly interested in trying to help our club replace its loss.

Any club, publisher, software producer or individual who wants to do so may contribute non-cash items, such as software, back issues of computer publications and books on computers.

Thank you.

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Secretary, Wichita Valley
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Sorcerer Group Seeks New Members

The newly formed Sorcerer User's Group is seeking to expand its membership. Our newsletter, "The Sorcerer's Apprentice," contains useful programs and informative material that Sorcerer owners should find interesting. Free copies of the "Apprentice" can be obtained by sending an SASE to Sorcerer User's Group, 1530 Washtenaw, Ann Arbor MI 48104.

Dave Bristor
Ann Arbor MI

Transfers, Please

I want to congratulate you on your excellent magazine. I have all issues so far and intend to keep my subscription renewed. I also read *Byte, Radio Electronics, Popular Electronics,* etc., but *Microcomputing* is #1.

I would like to comment on something while I'm writing. Please encourage assembly-language programmers to make *all* I/O references via transfer vectors at the beginning of a routine. I know you've had articles about this, but keep on pressing. It's very discouraging to try to adapt software when you do not have listings of firmware or other assumed routines.

Keep up the good work!

Stuart Johnson
Decatur AL

What Might Have Been

In Jeff DeTray's response to a letter from Geary Kelch (Letters, p. 22, May 1979), he states that The Digital Group refused "to adopt a commonly used bus." Since it appears that he is "scolding" The Digital Group for this, I would like to say the following in defense of The Digital Group for their decision.

The Digital Group, by using their own bus, attempted to give personal-computer users a bus that could support any of several microprocessors. The DG made CPU boards for the 8080, Z-80, 6800 and 6502. (Presumably it would not be too hard to make CPU boards for other micros as well.) The only "commonly used" buses in existence at the time of the first DG computer were the S-100 and (possibly) the SS-50. Both of these, especially the S-100, seemed unsuited to supporting more than one or two different types of microprocessors.

If the DG bus had become popular, there would have been at least a chance that DG bus boards could have been used with (just about) any 8-bit microprocessor. This would have allowed users to choose whichever microprocessor they liked best, and have the same large selection of boards available.

I do agree with Mr. DeTray that DG should have made information available that would have allowed other companies to make DG-compatible boards. This seems the only way that DG computers could have become a major factor in personal computing.

Jim Howell
San Jose CA

PUBLISHER'S REMARKS

(from page 5)

much in terms of buying power to making perhaps 50 to 75 percent? I gather that much of this has to do with the printing of extra paper money by our country to pay for our expedition into Viet Nam. Our inflation has been worse than the others. Indeed, one of the problems the Swiss are now having is that they have not printed more paper money than their income, and the result is that much of the world would like to get their paper money since it is holding its value so well. This demand for their money has been forcing the value of the money upwards and making prices in Switzerland even higher than in other European countries.

One notices the difference in little things, such as the profusion of Mercedes Benz cars, which are everywhere. It isn't that they are cheap in Europe, it's just that many Europeans have the money to buy $20,000-and-up cars. The demand is so great that there is a two year backlog of orders for Mercedes.

One notices that all of the gas stations are open on weekends and that there are no lines for gas. One also notices that gas costs about $2.25 a gallon. One thinks a bit about that while driving along the superhighways where there are no speed limits. For instance, I was driving on the autobahn between Stuttgart and Munich, and Sherry had dozed off. She woke up and noticed that I was buzzing right along in our rented BMW car. She asked how fast I was driving and I said we were going about 95 mph. She then asked if anyone was passing me . . . just then a Porsche went by at perhaps 150 mph . . . and I said, yes, occasionally.

When I talked with Peter, the Midwest Scientific dealer in Munich, who has a Porsche and a Mini (the Mini for driving in town), he pointed out that the Porsche is very good because he can make the run to Hamburg, about 470 miles, and cover it in about three hours. At our 55 mile limit it would take him 8½ hours and be impractical for business to drive. I don't know how much gas the Porsche uses at 160 mph, but I'll bet it's less than most big American cars use at slower speeds.

Poll

There was a little reader poll in the June issue of *Microcomputing*, and the first results are in from it. I'll go into more of the gory details in my "Microcomputing Industry Newsletter" ($5 per year for subscription).

We asked readers to let us know what microcomputer system they were using; 31.0 percent were using TRS-80 Level II systems. The next most popular, to my surprise, was the Apple II, with 7.4 percent of the market. Third was the Southwest Tech system with 6.3 percent penetration. Then came the Commodore PET with 5.4 percent.

I had expected the PET to stay in second place, but the almost total lack of advertising of the system, the delays in getting out new models, the delays in peripherals, the scanty supply of software, all have had their impact on this fine system's sales. Apple doesn't seem to have gained much on Tandy, but Commodore has dropped back substantially. It is going to take a lot of advertising to pick up that ball game.

Southwest has been advertising in *Microcomputing*, which I tend to equate with giving a firm a good chance of getting sales, so their strong showing is not very surprising. With some stronger software support I expect them to step up their percentage to at least double the current mark. Southwest is coming on strong in Europe too.

In fifth place was the KIM; however, most KIM owners had more than one system. Next came the Heath H8 with 4.6 percent ownership, a strong showing. This one is coming up fast, too. Once we have some solid software support for the H8, I expect it to come along even faster.

Some Homework Available

The poll showed that the most popular feature in *Microcomputing* is the new-products section. This section handily edged out the Publisher's Remarks, which I suspect are largely a masochistic exercise for most readers. Obviously we need to put more oomph into our new products, making sure that we leave no woodwork unexamined for microcomputer product entrants. You can help.

We need brief (but entertaining and intelligent) reviews of all of the new books being produced. Some are fantastic, some are execrable, and the readers deserve proper notice as to which is which. We'll pay for the reviews, which will at least pay for the book for the first one in with an acceptable report . . . a brief report, I again admonish. If you are too chintzy to buy a book and too honest to steal one, we sometimes can come up with a "loaner" furnished by the publisher.

Even more important are your concise reviews of new equipment which you have purchased and personally evaluated. You don't have to write a ten-page article, just a short piece that gives the salient facts, either warning other gullible computerists against a bummer or providing timid souls with reassurance that all is well . . . perhaps even great. Let's make the new products in *Microcomputing* even more valuable and even less a mere place where manufacturers get a free ad for their stuff.

How to Finance a Computer Store

How would you like to get $50,000 with very little effort on your part? The money is there for the entrepreneur, with absolutely no personal investment required. With that amount of money you could start your own store and be on the way toward success.

All that is required is a bit of sneaky (legal) finkiness. What you do is join a computer club, visit a lot of computer stores or in some way expose yourself to a number of microcomputer users. The next step is to admire the hell out of an Instant Software program they have running, and then convince them to run off a copy for you. Be sure to document this carefully and have a witness.

It may be hard on a computer store or hobbyist or two, but Instant Software is in earnest about the $10,000 reward for the conviction of anyone making a copy of an ISI program. ISI is ready to invest whatever it takes to make an example of a half dozen or so people in order to establish beyond any question the sanctity of computer programs.

ISI would much prefer not to have to resort to tricky codes on programs, which would prevent making copies. There is no objection to anyone making a copy of a program for emergency use . . . or against dumping a cassette program on a disk for faster use. The whole problem is a simple one: If copies of a program are given away, this deprives the programmer of a royalty, and without substantial royalties, we are not going to have the quality of programs that the industry must have to keep growing.

I'm as cheap as any of you, and it bugs the hell out of me to pay full price for anything. Software . . . the only cost there is for the transfer medium, right? If I bring my own cassette, why shouldn't I whip off a quick copy of a few programs? You have to keep cheapskates like me honest unless you want the whole system to get screwed up.

If you are asked by a good friend to run off a copy of a program—you have, at that moment, to make a very important decision. Is that friend really interested in the program or has he one eye on the $10,000 Instant Software is dangling out there? He may be thinking of opening his own store, with you as one of the financiers—in a way.

There are ways to make a program difficult to copy, but do we really want to go that route? It is such a nuisance when you can't run a listing of a program. You may want to make some small modifications in it or perhaps find out why some part of it has bombed without having to write to the manufacturer and wait a couple weeks. If we can keep all of us honest we won't have to be tricky.

Contest!

May's "best article" winners are R. M. Law and D. C. Mitchell, authors of "A Text Formatter in BASIC."

Winner of a book from the Book Nook is James D. Tompkins of Essex Jct. VT.

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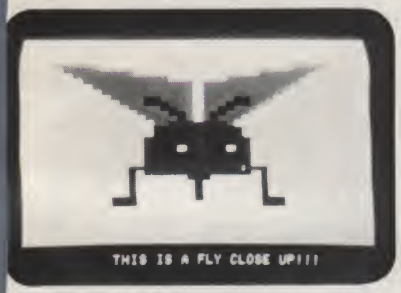

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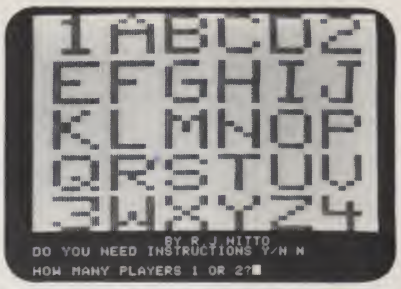

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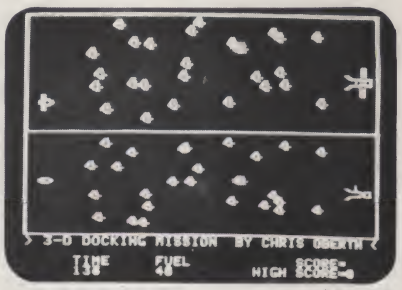

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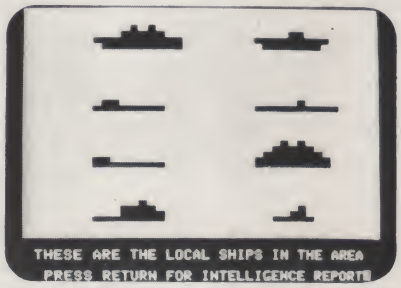

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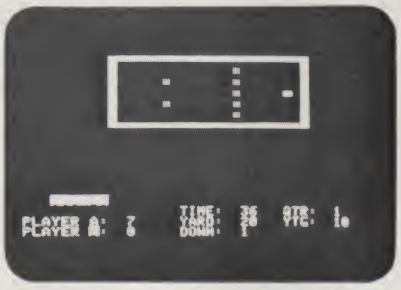

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Cover Up

This useful home-decoration software is a superb example of "human engineering." Ingenious programming makes it virtually foolproof. Shouldn't all software be written this way?

Cover Up makes it possible for you to consult with your PET before covering up those areas in your home or office with wallpaper, paint, paneling or carpeting. The following series of programs are designed for two types of users. For those who daydream about redecorating a room but who are not yet ready to act on their impulses, these programs will enable you to sit in the comfort and privacy of your own home while allowing your fancy to take flight.

On the other hand, for those who have reached their time of decision and are ready for action, the information gleaned from these programs will help you to avoid the embarrassment of beating a hasty retreat from the decorating center when faced with the reality of the cost and involvement of the upcoming project.

As an additional bonus, the series will demonstrate unusual programming techniques that utilize the unique capabilities lurking in the PET.

Special Features

Cover Up was developed on the Commodore PET, 8K version. Although the overall program is in excess of 25K bytes, the memory limitation is removed by controlling access to the separate portions by means of the main Content program (see Fig. 1), which includes a high-speed tape search routine.

With each program approaching 6K, it would take an excessive amount of time to search at the usual rate. To overcome the lengthy delay, the search was eliminated by implementing a modified Fast Forward routine. In doing this, we discovered a strange PET phenomenon.

The object was to print a message instructing the user to press the fast forward key on the cassette and have the message remain on the screen until the computer sensed that the key was actually depressed (Cover Up program, lines 160-180). This was done to ensure that the cassette was set in the fast forward mode before the Automatic Advance routine—which advances the tape to the beginning of the particular program selected in the next prompt—was executed. However, the message would only remain on the screen less than five seconds before it would print out the next prompt. Incorporating a seemingly unnecessary FOR-TO loop in line 165 accomplished this.

Furthermore, it became apparent that the routine was not operable under certain conditions. For example, the routine was disabled by the presence anywhere in the program listing of a REM statement. When the fast forward key is depressed, the loop is aborted and the program selection menu is displayed.

Conversely, there were portions that had to be tested for a "No Key Depress." We assumed logically that by changing one of the test lines in the Key Depress routine, we would satisfy the test requirement. It became empirically apparent that the FOR-TO loop must be eliminated in order for the "No Key Depress" to work (Cover Up program, lines 140-155). These routines can be used as standard "Key Depress" routines.

A variation of these routines that waits for an alphanumeric input to start a sequence is also used in the Fast Forward routine when the user selects the program number (Cover Up program, lines 315-330). The cassette is turned on and automatically advanced to the proper place on the tape. The amount of fast forward running time (T) is determined by utilizing the internal clock. (TI) represents the present time in jiffies; (T) represents the amount of

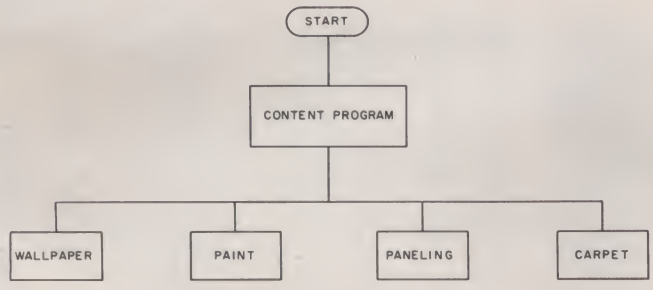

Fig. 1. Generalized flowchart.

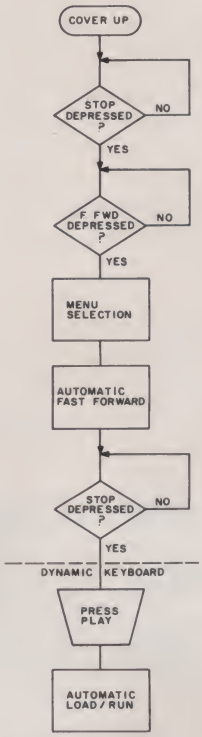

Fig. 2. Cover Up program flowchart.

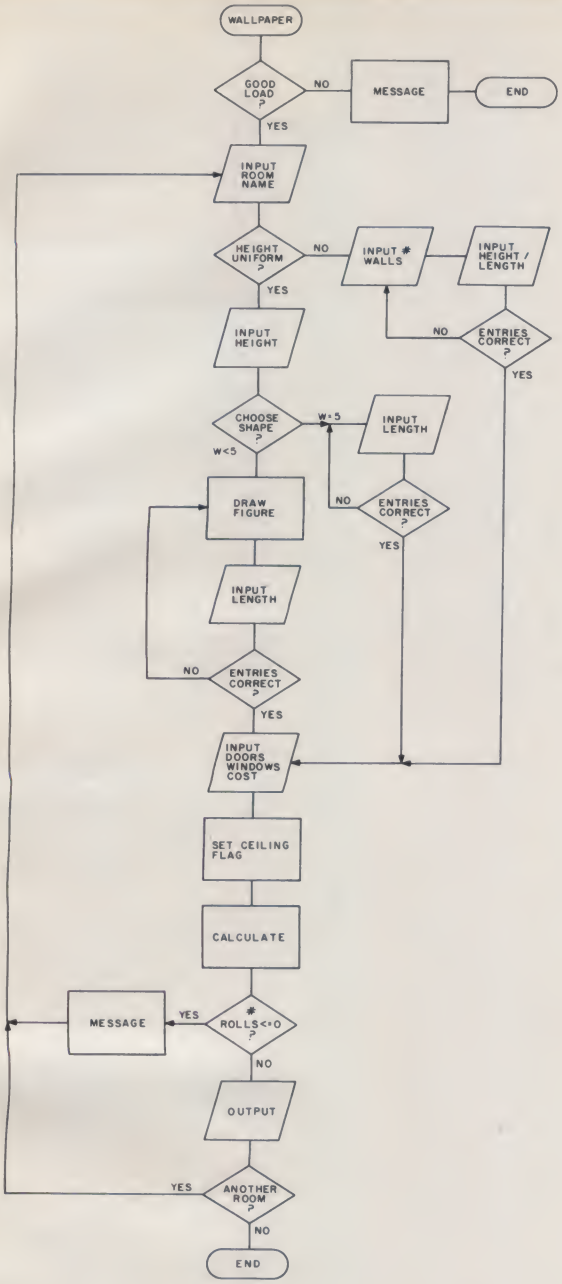

Fig. 3. Wallpaper program flowchart.

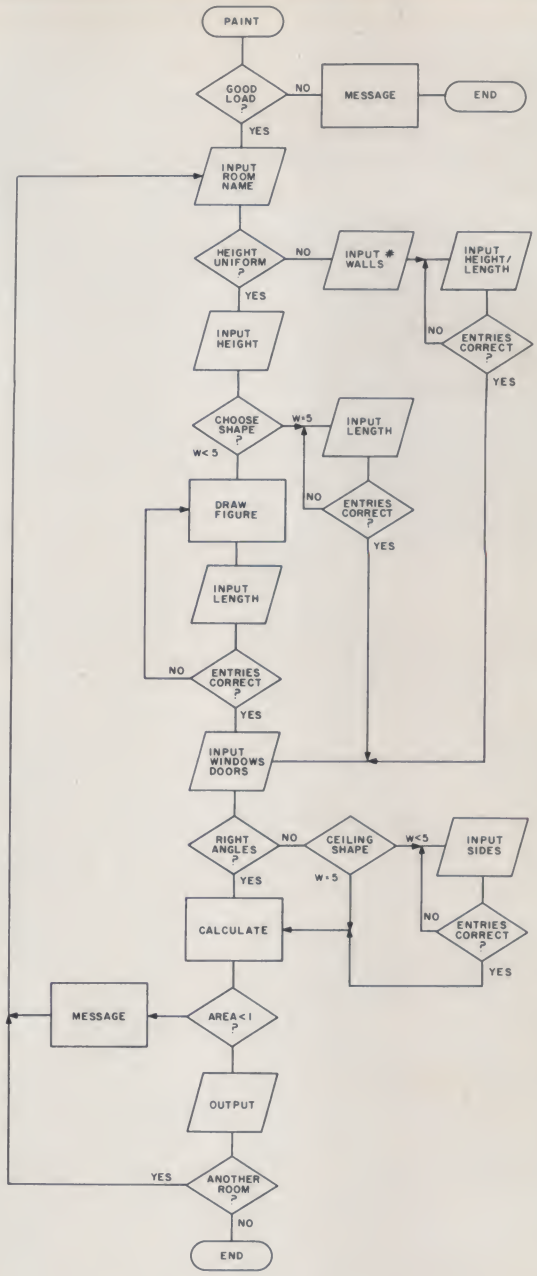

Fig. 4. Paint program flowchart.

time the cassette motor is on. When the equation is satisfied, the cassette automatically shuts off and further instructions are printed.

Once the program is selected and the tape has advanced to the designated tape location, the Content program is still resident but has reached a breakpoint and is not technically operational. At this point, one of the PET's most fascinating oddities is brought into play: a "Dynamic Keyboard" (found in lines 360-375).

When BASIC is running, the computer ignores keyboard inputs except when given explicit INPUT instructions. The PET has set aside memory location 525 as the "keyboard counter" and locations 526-530 as a keyboard buffer. Characters typed on the keyboard, while BASIC is running, are stored in the buffer and the counter is incremented for each character.

When the program ends in BASIC, the computer automatically examines the counter and reads the buffer contents. This can be used as a type-ahead feature, or as in this case, to produce a new command automatically.

By using a series of instructions stored in the buffer, any direct commands that appear on the screen at program's end are interpreted by the computer as command statements. In this instance, this capability was utilized to automatically set the PET in the LOAD mode. The use of CHR$(131) not only initiates loading but causes the newly loaded program to run automatically. Thus, the user need only depress the PLAY key, as instructed, to load and run the program chosen.

The PET checks for loading errors as a program is loaded. However, the PET will only print a LOAD ERROR message for certain values of the stack. In order to provide a complete check, each segment checks for any status error and prints out a message so that the user will be aware of a bad load (Wallpaper program, line 400).

In developing these programs, we have attempted, as far as possible, to compensate for the human factor by anticipating inaccurate input. The

idea behind this human engineering is for the program to absorb the complexity and relieve the user of as much burden as possible, a concept that often separates professional programming from hobbyist work.

We used two types of input statements, the INPUT and GET commands, coupled with appropriate subroutines to check each entry. Normally, inputting a carriage return in response to the basic INPUT command will cause the program to crash. To avoid this, the first type of input statements we used in the program was the OPEN FILE 1,0,1 command (Wallpaper program, line 500). This statement must be placed in the program so that it is executed only one time. The actual data entry command must then read INPUT #1 (Wallpaper program, line 1000). This type of input command will cause the program to wait for a data entry.

The second type of input, the GET command, contains another unique feature of the PET. The GET command is structured so that no carriage return is necessary after a data entry. It is limited to a single character entry. We took advantage of this by implementing this ability for data requiring not more than one character. The subroutine in the Wallpaper program at line 9200 not only checks the validity of the input, but allows the user to respond to these prompts by typing a single entry, without a carriage return to continue on in the program operation.

On entries of indeterminate length, the user must carriage return to flag data completion. This was necessitated by the PET quirk of reading all display on the same line as input, including any graphics to the right of the data input. This was handled by using the GET command and by checking each individual character upon entry for validity (Wallpaper program, subroutine at 9100).

These individual data elements are then concatenated, and the resulting variable is then checked to ensure that it falls within predetermined parameters. The input is checked for commonsense input (for example, what you would expect for the length of a wall).

An entry of a number when a letter is expected, and vice versa, can cause the program to crash, so all data, regardless of nature, is entered as a character string. The character of each entry can then be tested for length—whether it is a delete, a premature carriage return, etc. Numeric values entered as a character are converted by the

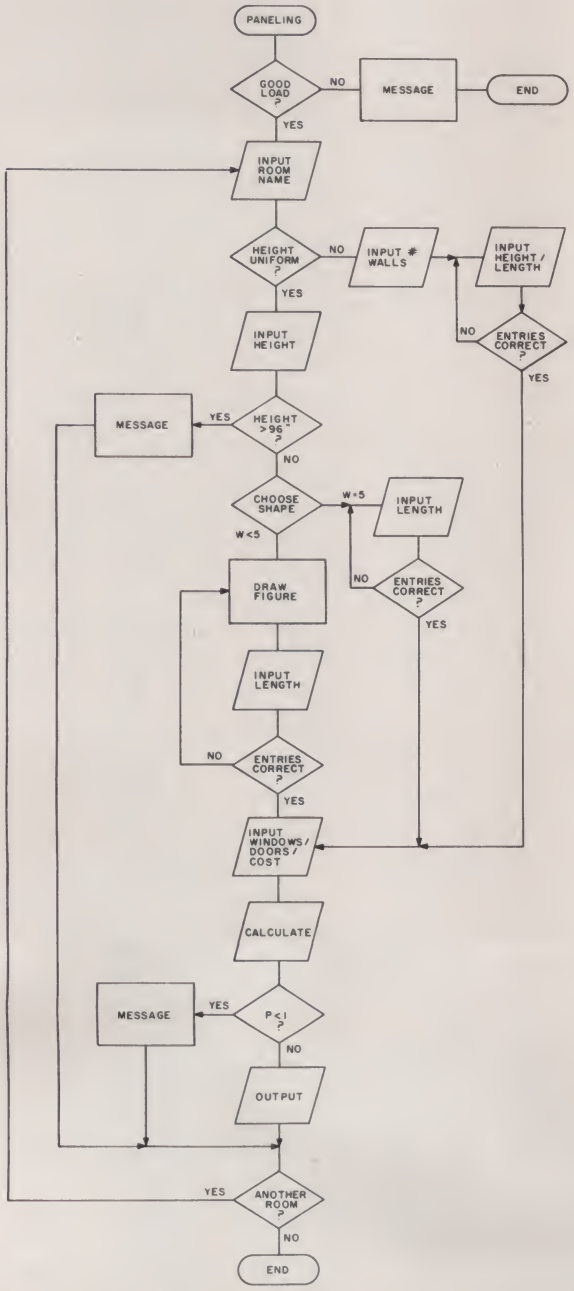

Fig. 5. Paneling program flowchart.

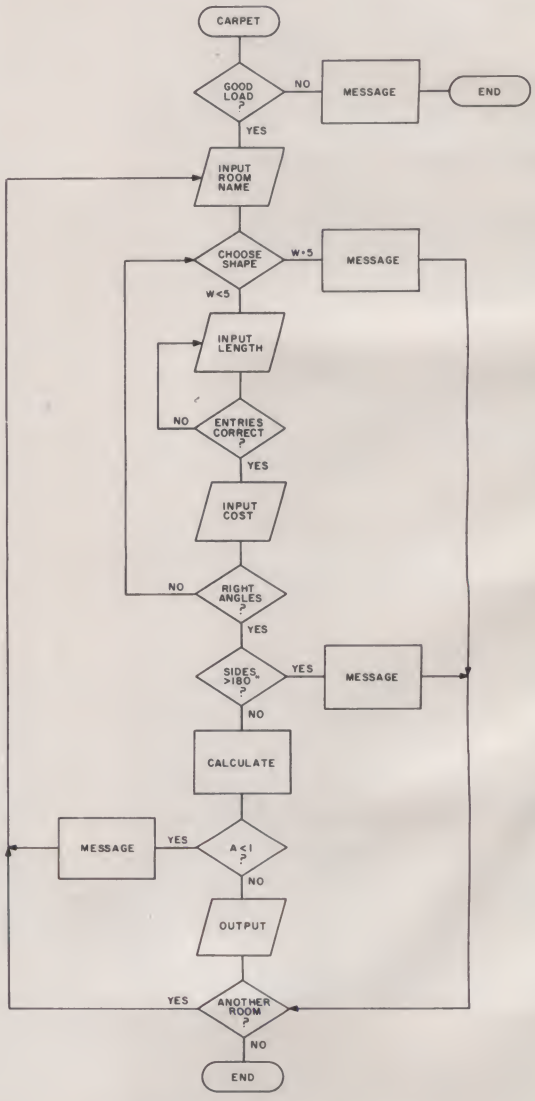

Fig. 6. Carpet program flowchart.

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A,A1,A2,A3	Variables to calculate ceiling area
A$	Universal "GET:" variable
A	Value (A$) in entry check
A1$	Concatenated "GETS"
A(I)	Value (A1$)
A(J)	Area of individual wall
A,B,C	Calculation variables
B	Total yards for border
B1	Integer (B)
B$	"$"
B$(J)	CHR$ (K)—Poking letters on sides of diagram
C	Total ceiling area and VAL(C$)
C1,C2,C3	Intermediary ceiling calculations
C$	Cost per roll
C1$,C2$	Total cost wall—drop and random match
C3$, C4$	Total cost ceiling—drop and random match
D	Number of doors
D$	"$"
E$	Entries correct (Y or N)
F	Number of windows—Flag for too large dimensions
G,G1,G2	Gallons
G3	Flag—Poking blanks or cursor control for blanks
G4	Flag—Indicate if ceiling calculations have been attempted
G1$	Parameters of acceptable "GET" entries (0-9)
G2$	Flag for Y or N entry
G3$	Final output
H(I)	Height of wall
I,J,K	FOR-TO loop variables
K	ASCII (A,B,C,D,E,F,G,H)—indicate wall
L(J)	Side length of wall
M	Cost
M$	"N/A" or cost
M1$	Concatenated D$ + M$
N	Width of carpet
P	Number of panels
P1	Room perimeter
Q	Quarts
Q3$	Final output
R$	Name of room
T	Total of A(J)s
T1,T1$	Total number drop match rolls
T2,T2$	Total number of random match rolls
T3,T3$	Total number of drop match for ceiling
T4,T4$	Total number of random match for ceiling
U$	Uniform wall height (Y or N)
W	Room shape selection
W1	Number of walls
X	Compensates for doors and windows
X$	"Length" or "$" or Number read from data statement
X3$	"Ceiling" or Null
X9	Determines width of carpet
Y	Tab to compensate for length of cursor movement
Y(K)	ASCII—poking length entry next to wall in figure
Y9	Determines width of carpet
Z	Right angle check (0 or 1) "1" calculates

Variables list.

VAL expression (Wallpaper program, line 9140).

If an entry, for whatever reason, is determined to be invalid, through the use of cursor control and poke statements (Wallpaper program, lines 9250-9290), the invalid input is erased from the screen. This maintains clarity and indicates to the user that the entry must be redone.

After a series of entries has been completed in several portions of the series, the user is asked to indicate if the input is satisfactory. A negative response allows the user to redo that portion without redoing the entire program from the start. Additionally, if, after calculating the output, the program determines that the result is unreasonable, an error message is relayed to the user to check the measurements and begin again.

Additional Features

To enhance user visualization, graphic potential of the PET has been used throughout the program series. The facile implementation of the lowercase mode is demonstrated in the Cover Up program. Line 125 places the keyboard into lowercase mode while line 355 returns it to uppercase graphics mode.

General Operation

After the Content program is loaded, press the STOP key and follow all prompts as they appear. Do not rewind the tape at this time, as it will be set at the proper position for the next program selection. Instructions will be given when the tape should be rewound.

You have a choice of four room configurations in all segments. For those times when only a portion or when an unconventionally shaped room is to be considered, an alternate choice of from one wall or up to nine walls is provided. All measurements are input in inches to maintain consistency throughout. these are then translated into the appropriate measure and calculated accordingly.

To help assure reasonable calculations, the parameters for the wall height and length are set between one inch and 720 inches. In those portions where adjustments are made

500	Title
800	"GET" routine
7000	Checks if configuration warrants calculating
7200	Final calculations
7400	Calculates ceilings and cost when applicable
7500	Prints results of calculations
7800	Error messages
8000	Obtains length value for each wall for figures
8100	Asks number of walls (menu choice #5 or nonuniform wall height)
8300	Checks figure entered for cost per roll
8500	Pokes length figure to appropriate spot on wall
8660	Assigns length to side
9100	Gets and checks length input; converts to ASCII
9190	Pokes spaces if entry is incorrect
9195	Sends to subroutine to move cursor and print spaces
9200	Gets A$ (if LEN(A$) limited to 1 input character)
9250	Pokes spaces
9260	Moves cursor back
9300	Asks if wall height uniform
9370	Moves cursor back; prints spaces, moves cursor back
9400	Asks if entries correct
9500-9530	Sends to subroutines for drawing large figure
9600	Pokes large figures on screen
9800	Draws room shapes for menu selection
9900	Pokes letters on appropriate walls

Main subroutines.

for doors and windows, a maximum entry of nine each is permitted.

Before you attempt a ceiling or carpet calculation, the figures are checked for right-angle compatibility (Wallpaper program, subroutine 7000). If it fails this check, then no calculation is made. N/A will appear on the output when such calculations or costs are not applicable. After each program run, you will be asked if you wish to remain in the current program or if you wish to select another. Instructions will then follow.

Wallpaper

Wallpaper assumes that the standard roll of wallpaper is 36 square yards and deals with both random and drop match types. When using random match paper, there is no need to compensate for a pattern. As a result, calculations are made on the basis of 33 usable square yards per roll. Drop match papers that require a pattern match will render approximately 30 usable square yards per roll.

If you find that you have chosen wallpaper with a drop match of more than 18 inches, we recommend further compensation for waste. An additional caveat: Wallpapers manufactured in foreign countries tend to contain less than the standard 36 square yards found in domestic papers.

The output will show the amount of paper required for the walls and ceiling and the cost of each, if applicable. Ceiling considerations are omitted when the height of the walls is not uniform or if one of the four room configurations is not chosen. Border paper requirements in running yards are also displayed.

Paint

The ceiling calculation will automatically be made if one of the four room configurations is chosen and the walls show right-angle compatibility. If this is not the case, you will be asked to choose one of the four rooms again. At this time, prompts will ask the measurements of the sides of the ceiling.

Paint assumes that coverage of one gallon of paint will be 400 square feet. The output will display the number of square feet to be covered, so that compensation can be made if this coverage differs.

Bearing in mind today's economy, the output will show the amount of paint required to paint the walls and ceiling in quarts and/or gallons.

Paneling

Since the standard sheet of paneling is 4 ft. by 8 ft., Paneling allows for a maximum height input of 96 inches. If a value greater than the maximum allowed is entered, an appropriate message will be displayed. On the other hand, a height entry of 48 inches or less recognizes that the user will be able to get double the length from one panel.

Output includes a ceiling perimeter to help with molding calculations, in addition to the number of panels required and the total cost.

Carpet

One of the four room configurations must be chosen and checked for right-angle compatibility before Carpet will provide an output. The appropriate width of carpet, twelve or fifteen feet, is calculated according to the room dimensions. If the dimensions are unusual and exceed these widths, a message will be displayed to that effect. The calculations are based on the maximum amount of carpeting required to cover the given area. In many cases, however, carpeting can often be pieced to enable coverage with less than the maximum amount.

Output includes the room area in square yards, the carpet width, the amount of carpeting needed in square yards and the total cost.■

Cover Up program.

```
BYTES USED= 1392     PROGRAM 1 - COVER UP          1/17/79

 100 PRINT"cs 8cd";TAB(12);"COPYRIGHT 1978"
 110 PRINT:PRINT:PRINTTAB(10);"BY:CAROL ASCOLILLO"
 120 PRINT:PRINTTAB(18);"&":PRINT:PRINTTAB(13);"NANCY SCHWARTZ"
 125 POKE 59468,14
 130 FOR J=1TO2500:NEXT:GOSUB500:X$=""
 140 PRINT"cs 5cd";TAB(5);"Press 'STOP' key on cassette"
 150 POKE519,52:IF PEEK(519)=52THEN 155
 155 IF PEEK(519)<>0 THEN 150
 160 PRINT"cs 5cd";TAB(5);"Press 'F.FWD' key on cassette"
 165 FORI=1TO1
 170 POKE519,52:IF PEEK(519)=52 THEN 180
 180 IF PEEK(519)=0 THEN 170:NEXT
 200 PRINT"4cd  SELECT PROGRAM BY NUMBER...":PRINT
 210 FOR J=1TO4
 220 READB$,A$
 230 PRINT:PRINTTAB(8);B$;" -";"   ";A$
 240 NEXT J
 245 GOSUB800
 310 IF X=1 THEN 330
 315 POKE59411,53:X=X-1:T=TI+(X*700)
 320 IF TI<T THEN 320
 330 POKE 59411,61
 340 PRINT"cs 11cd 5crPress 'STOP' on cassette"
 345 POKE519,52:IF PEEK(519)=52THEN350
 350 IF PEEK(519)<>0 THEN345
 355 POKE59468,12
 360 PRINT"cs 4cd ch"
 365 POKE525,2:POKE526,131:POKE527,131
 375 END
 400 DATA 1, "WALLPAPER"
 410 DATA 2, "PAINT"
 420 DATA 3, "PANELING"
 430 DATA 4, "CARPET"
 440 GOTO 999
 500 PRINT"cs 4cd"
 510 PRINTTAB(4);"XX      XX     X    X  XXXX   XXX"
 520 PRINTTAB(3);"X  X    X  X   X    X  X      X  X"
 530 PRINTTAB(3);"X      X    X  X    X  XXX    X  X"
 540 PRINTTAB(3);"X      X    X  X    X  X      XXX"
 550 PRINTTAB(3);"X  X    X  X    X X   X      X  X"
 560 PRINTTAB(4);"XX      XX      X     XXXX  X  X"
 570 PRINT:PRINT:PRINT
 580 PRINTTAB(14);"X  X  XXX"
 590 PRINTTAB(14);"X  X  X  X"
 600 PRINTTAB(14);"X  X  X  X"
 610 PRINTTAB(14);"X  X  XXX"
 620 PRINTTAB(14);"X  X  X"
 630 PRINTTAB(15);"XX   X"
 640 FOR J=1TO2500:NEXT
 650 FORJ=32768TO33767:POKEJ,58:NEXT:RETURN
 800 GET X$:IFX$<>""ANDX$<>CHR$(13)THEN820
 810 POKE519,52:POKE59411,61:GOTO0800
 820 X=VAL(LEFT$(X$,1)):IFX<1ORX>4THEN800
 830 RESTORE:RETURN
 999 END
READY.
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- For graphics at subroutine 9800, use shifted value for symbol shown
- cs = clear screen
  ch = cursor home
  cu = cursor up
  cd = cursor down
  cl = cursor left
  cr = cursor right

Legend.

Wallpaper program.

```
BYTES USED= 6443     PROGRAM 2 - WALLPAPER     1/17/79

 400 IFST=0THEN500
 410 PRINT"6cd";TAB(4);"PROGRAM DID NOT LOAD PROPERLY"
 420 PRINT:PRINT:PRINTTAB(4);"REWIND TAPE AND LOAD 'COVER UP'":GOTO9999
 500 CLR:OPEN 1,0,1
 550 G3=1:PRINT"cs 3cd";PRINTTAB(5);"*** W A L L P A P E R ***"
 1000 PRINT"4cd";TAB(4);"ENTER NAME OF ROOM: ";:INPUT #1,R$:GOSUB9300
 1020 IF U$="N"THENW=5:GOTO1290
 1100 GOSUB9800:PRINT:PRINT"SELECT SHAPE BY NUMBER: ";
 1110 G1$="1":G2$="5":GOSUB9200:W=VAL(A$)
 1120 IFW=1THENW1=4
 1130 IFW=2THENW1=6
 1140 IFW=3THEN W1=5
 1150 IFW=4THEN W1=8
 1160 IFW=5THEN1290
 1170 GOSUB9360
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1200 PRINT"cs";:ONWGOSUB9500,9510,9520,9530
1230 GOSUB9900:GOSUB8000:GOSUB8660:GOSUB9400:IFE$="N"THEN1200
1285 GOTO1400
1290 G3=2:GOSUB8100:GOSUB9410:IFE$="Y" THEN1400
1300 GOSUB8140:GOSUB9410:IFE$="N"THEN1300
1400 PRINT"cs 6cd";TAB(4);"ENTER NUMBER OF DOORS: ";:G1$="0":G2$="9"
1410 GOSUB9200:D=VAL(A$)
1420 PRINT"2cd";TAB(4);"ENTER NUMBER OF WINDOWS: ";:GOSUB 9200:F=VAL(A$)
1440 PRINT"2cdCOST PER ROLL ('0' IF UNKNOWN): ";:GOSUB8300:C$=A$
2000 GOSUB7000:GOSUB7200:IFVAL(T1$)<=0THENGOSUB7800:GOTO500
2050 GOSUB7500:PRINT"cs 4cdARE YOU PAPERING ANOTHER ROOM (Y OR N)?";:G1$="A"
2060 GOSUB9200:IFA$="Y"THEN500
2070 PRINT"cs 8cd";TAB(2);"TO CONTINUE WITH ANOTHER SELECTION,":PRINT
2080 PRINTTAB(4);"REWIND TAPE AND LOAD 'COVER UP'"
2090 PRINT"4cd";TAB(8);"HAVE A NICE DAY!":PRINT"3cd":GOTO9999
7000 Z=0:ONWGOTO 7020,7030,7040,7060,7025
7020 IFL(1)=L(3)ANDL(2)=L(4)THENZ=1
7025 RETURN
7030 IFL(1)+L(5)=L(3)ANDL(4)+L(6)=L(2)THENZ=1
7035 RETURN
7040 A=L(2)-L(4):B=L(3)-L(1):C=A^2+B^2:C=INT(SQR(C)+.5)
7050 IFL(5)=CORL(5)=C-1ORL(5)=C+1THENZ=1
7055 RETURN
7060 IFL(4)+L(6)+L(8)=L(2)ANDL(3)+L(5)=L(1)+L(7)THENZ=1
7065 RETURN
7200 D=D*20:F=F*10:T=0
7210 FORJ=1TOW1:A(J)=L(J)*H(J)/144:T=T+A(J):NEXT
7220 T1=INT((T-(D+F))/30*10+.5)/10
7230 T2=INT((T-(D+F))/33*10+.5)/10
7240 T1=INT(T1+1):T2=INT(T2+1):T1$=STR$(T1):T2$=STR$(T2)
7250 C=VAL(C$):IFC=0THENC1$="   N/A":C2$=C1$:GOTO7270
7260 X$="$":C1$=STR$(C*T1):C2$=STR$(C*T2):C1$=X$+C1$:C2$=X$+C2$
7270 IFZ=0THENT3$="N/A":T4$=T3$:C3$="   N/A":C4$=C3$:GOTO7350
7280 ONWGOTO7290,7300,7310,7330
7290 A=(L(1)*L(2))/144:GOSUB7400:GOTO7340
7300 A1=L(1)*L(2):A2=L(4)*L(5):A=(A1+A2)/144:GOSUB7400:GOTO7340
7310 A1=L(1)*L(2):A2=L(4)*(L(3)-L(1)):A3=SQR((L(3)-L(1))^2+(L(2)-L(4))^2)
7320 A=(A1+A2+A3)/144:GOSUB7400:GOTO7340
7330 A1=L(1)*L(8):A2=L(6)*(L(1)+L(7)):A3=L(3)*L(4):A=(A1+A2+A3)/144:GOSUB7400
7340 T3$=STR$(T3):T4$=STR$(T4)
7350 B=0:FORJ=1TOW1:B=B+L(J):NEXT:B=B/36:B1=INT(B):IFB1=BTHENRETURN
7360 B=INT(B+1):RETURN
7400 T3=INT(A/30*10+.5)/10:T4=INT(A/33*10+.5)/10:T3=INT(T3+1):T4=INT(T4+1)
7410 IFC=0THENC3$="  N/A":C4$=C3$:RETURN
7420 C3$=STR$(T3*C):C4$=STR$(T4*C):C3$=X$+C3$:C4$=X$+C4$:RETURN
7500 PRINT"cs":PRINTTAB(15-(LEN(R$)/2));"+++ ";R$;" +++":PRINT"2cd"
7510 PRINTTAB(8);"--DROP MATCH--";TAB(25);"-RANDOM MATCH-":PRINT
7520 PRINTTAB(8);"NO.OF";TAB(17);"TOTAL";TAB(25);"NO.OF";TAB(34);"TOTAL"
7530 PRINTTAB(1);"AREA";TAB(8)"ROLLS";TAB(17);"COST";TAB(25);"ROLLS";
7540 PRINTTAB(34);"COST":FORJ=1TO40:PRINT"E";:NEXT:PRINT
7550 PRINT"WALLS";TAB(12-LEN(T1$));T1$;TAB(15);C1$;
7555 PRINTTAB(29-LEN(T2$));T2$;TAB(31);C2$:PRINT
7560 PRINT:PRINT"CEILING";TAB(12-LEN(T3$));T3$;TAB(15);C3$;
7570 PRINTTAB(29-LEN(T4$));T4$;TAB(31);C4$
7580 PRINTTAB(8);:FORJ=1TO16:PRINT"F ";:NEXT:PRINT:PRINT"BORDER";
7590 PRINTTAB(15);B;" RUNNING YARDS"
7600 PRINT:PRINT:PRINTTAB(5);"TO CONTINUE,PRESS ANY KEY";
7610 GETA$:IF A$=""THEN7610
7620 RETURN
7800 PRINT"cs 6cd":PRINTTAB(2);"FIGURES NOT APPLICABLE AS ENTERED"
7810 PRINT"2cd";TAB(2);"PLEASE CHECK MEASUREMENTS AND REDO":PRINT"2cd":GOTO7600
8000 X$="LENGTH":K=65:FORJ=1TO8:B$(J)=CHR$(K):K=K+1:NEXT
8030 PRINT"8cd";TAB(8);X$;"(IN INCHES)"
8040 FORI=1TOW1:PRINT:PRINTTAB(10);"WALL ";B$(I);"= ";
8050 GOSUB9100:A(I)=VAL(A1$):PRINT:PRINT"3cu"
8060 GOSUB 9250:GOSUB 8500:NEXTI:RETURN
8100 PRINT:PRINT:PRINTTAB(4);"ENTER NUMBER OF WALLS: ";
8110 G1$="1":G2$="9":GOSUB 9200:W1=VAL(A$):IFU$="Y"THENGOSUB9360
8140 PRINT"cs":PRINTTAB(3);"WALL";TAB(15);"HEIGHT";TAB(28);"LENGTH"
8150 PRINTTAB(12);"(IN INCHES)";TAB(26);"(IN INCHES)"
8160 FORJ=1TO40:PRINT"$";:NEXT:PRINT:PRINT
8170 FORI=1TOW1:PRINTTAB(3);I;TAB(15);
8180 IFU$="N"THENPRINT"?";:GOSUB9100:H(I)=VAL(A1$):GOTO8200
8190 PRINTH(I);
8200 PRINT:PRINTTAB(28);"cs";"?";:GOSUB9100:L(I)=VAL(A1$):PRINT:PRINT:NEXT
8210 RETURN
8300 INPUT$1,A$:IFA$=CHR$(13)THENPRINT"cu";:GOTO8360
8320 FORJ=1TOLEN(A$):A1$=MID$(A$,J,1):IFA1$="."THEN 8340
8330 IFA1$<CHR$(48)ORA1$>CHR$(57)THEN 8360
8340 NEXTJ:A=VAL(A$):IFA<00RA>99.99THEN8360
8345 IFLEN(A$)>5THEN8360
8350 RETURN
8360 FORK=33280TO33322:POKEK,32:NEXTK:FORK=1TOLEN(A$)+1:PRINT"cl";:NEXTK
8370 GOTO8300
8500 ONIGOTO 8510,8520,8530,8540,8580,8610,8630,8640
8510 M=32863:GOTO 8650
8520 M=33169:GOTO 8650
8530 M=33463:GOTO8650
8540 ON W GOTO8550,8560,8560,8570
8550 M=33204:GOTO 8650
8560 M=33284:GOTO 8650
8570 M=33395:GOTO8650
8580 IFW=2THENM=33117:GOTO8650
8590 IFW=3THENM=33001:GOTO8650
8600 IFW=4THENM=33359:GOTO8650
8610 IFW=2THENM=32995:GOTO8650
8620 IFW=4THENM=33204:GOTO8650
8630 M=33039:GOTO8650
8640 M=32995
8650 FORJ=1TOLEN(A1$):POKEM+J,Y(J):NEXT:RETURN
8660 IF X$="LENGTH"THEN FOR J=1TOW1:L(J)=A(J):NEXT:RETURN
9100 A1$="":K=1
9110 GETA$:IFA$=""THEN9110
9120 IFA$=CHR$(13)THEN9170
9130 IFA$=CHR$(20)THENY=0:ONG3GOSUB9190,9195:GOTO9100
9135 PRINTA$;:IFA$<"0"ORA$>"9"THENY=1:ONG3GOSUB9190,9195:GOTO 9100
9140 A1$=A1$+A$:A9=VAL(A1$)
9150 IFA9<.9OR A9>720THENY=0:ONG3GOSUB9190,9195:GOTO9100
9160 Y(K)=ASC(A$):K=K+1:GOTO9110
9170 IF LEN(A1$)=0THEN9110
9180 RETURN
9190 GOSUB9250:GOSUB9260:RETURN
9195 GOSUB9370:RETURN
9200 GETA$:IFA$=""THEN9200
9205 IFA$=CHR$(13)THEN 9200
9210 IFG1$>"9"THEN 9225
9215 IF A$<G1$ORA$>G2$THEN 9200
9220 GOTO9230
9225 A$=LEFT$(A$,1):IF A$<>"Y"ANDA$<>"N"THEN9200
9230 PRINTA$:RETURN
9250 FORJ=33225TO33235:POKEJ,32:NEXT:RETURN
9260 FORJ=1TOLEN(A1$)+Y:PRINT"cl";:NEXT:RETURN
9280 FORJ=33136TO33152:POKEJ,32:NEXT
9290 FORJ=33218TO33224:POKEJ,32:NEXT:RETURN
9300 PRINT:PRINT:PRINT
9320 PRINTTAB(1);"IS WALL HEIGHT UNIFORM (Y OR N)? ";:G1$="A"
9330 GOSUB9200:U$=A$:IF U$="N" THEN RETURN
9340 PRINT:PRINT:PRINTTAB(4);"ENTER HEIGHT:":PRINTTAB(4);"(IN INCHES)":PRINT
9350 PRINT"3cu";TAB(18);:G3=2:GOSUB9100:G3=1:RETURN
9360 FORJ=1TOW1:H(J)=VAL(A1$):NEXT:RETURN
9370 FORJ=1TOLEN(A1$)+Y:PRINT"cl";:NEXT
9380 FORJ=1TOLEN(A1$)+Y:PRINTCHR$(32);:NEXT
9390 FORJ=1TOLEN(A1$)+Y:PRINT"cl";:NEXT:RETURN
9400 GOSUB9280:PRINT:PRINT"8cd":GOTO9420
9410 PRINT:PRINT:PRINT:X$=""
9420 PRINT"ARE ";X$;" ENTRIES CORRECT (Y OR N)? ";:G1$="A"
9430 GOSUB9200:E$=A$:RETURN
9500 GOSUB9600:GOSUB9610:GOSUB9620:GOSUB9630:RETURN
9510 GOSUB9600:GOSUB9610:GOSUB9640:GOSUB9650:GOSUB9660:GOSUB9670:RETURN
9520 GOSUB9600:GOSUB9610:GOSUB9640:GOSUB9680:GOSUB9670:RETURN
9530 GOSUB9670:GOSUB9600:GOSUB9710:RETURN
9600 FORJ=32934TO33374STEP40:POKEJ,101:NEXT:RETURN
9610 FORJ=33414TO33441:POKEJ,99:NEXT:RETURN
9620 FORJ=33401TO32921STEP-40:POKEJ,103:NEXT:RETURN
9630 FORJ=32894TO32921:POKEJ,100:NEXT:RETURN
9640 FORJ=33402TO33162STEP-40:POKEJ,101:NEXT:RETURN
9650 FORJ=33161TO33153STEP-1:POKEJ,99:NEXT:RETURN
9660 FORJ=33113TO32953STEP-40:POKEJ,101:NEXT:RETURN
9670 FORJ=32894TO32912:POKE J,100:NEXT:RETURN
9680 FORJ=33121TO32945STEP-41:POKEJ,77:NEXT
9700 FOR J=32913TO32916:POKEJ,100:NEXT:RETURN
9710 FORJ=33414TO33432:POKEJ,99:NEXT
9720 FORJ=32952TO33072STEP40:POKEJ,103:NEXT
9725 FORJ=33312TO33392STEP40:POKEJ,103:NEXT
9730 FORJ=33313TO33321:POKEJ,99:NEXT
9740 FORJ=33073TO33081:POKEJ,100:NEXT
9750 FORJ=33122TO33282STEP40:POKEJ,101:NEXT:RETURN
9800 PRINT"cs":PRINTR$;" SHAPE IS....":PRINT
9805 PRINTTAB(5);"$$$$$$$$$$$$$";SPC(5);"$$$$$$$$"
9810 PRINTTAB(2);"1.";SPC(13);"% 2.";SPC(8);"%"
9815 FORJ=1TO2:PRINTTAB(4);"'";SPC(13);"%   '";SPC(8);"%":NEXT
9820 PRINTTAB(4);"'";SPC(13);"%   '";SPC(8);"#####%"
9825 FORJ=1TO2:PRINTTAB(4);"'";SPC(13);"%   '";SPC(13);"%":NEXT
9830 PRINTTAB(5);"##############     ##############":PRINT
9835 PRINTTAB(5);"$$$$$$$$$$$";SPC(7);"$$$$$$$$"
9840 PRINTTAB(2);"3.";SPC(11);"M   4.";SPC(7);"'"
9845 PRINTTAB(4);"'";SPC(12);"M   '";SPC(7);"'$$$$$"
9850 FORJ=1TO2:PRINTTAB(4);"'";SPC(13);"%   '";SPC(13);"%":NEXT
9855 PRINTTAB(4);"'";SPC(13);"%   '";SPC(7);"'#####"
9860 PRINTTAB(4);"'";SPC(13);"%   '";SPC(7);"'"
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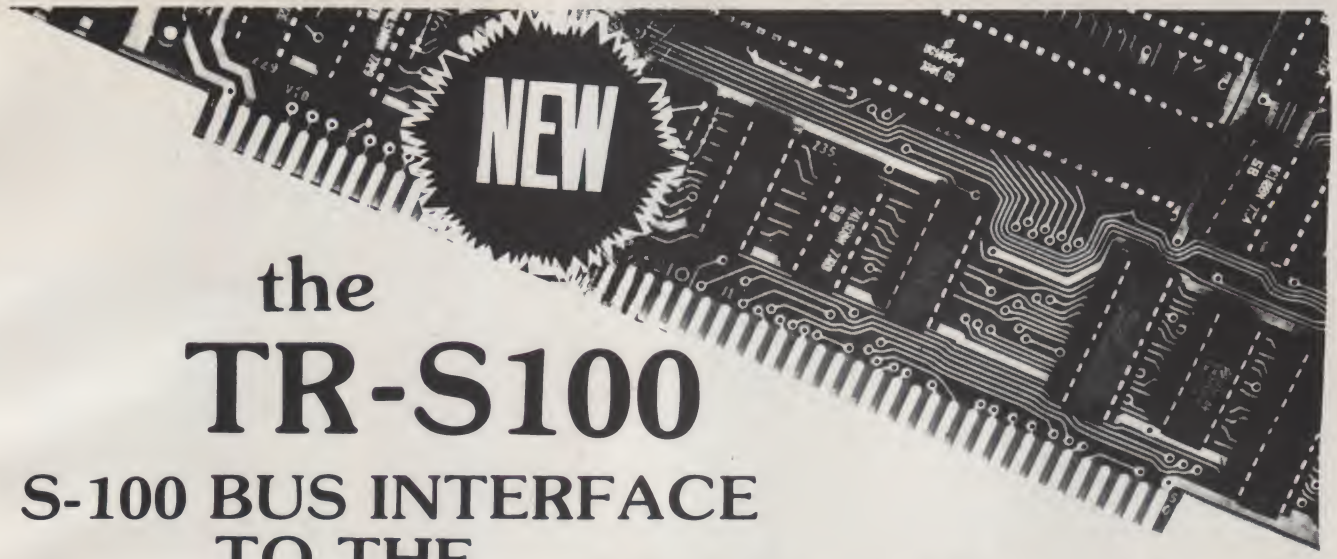

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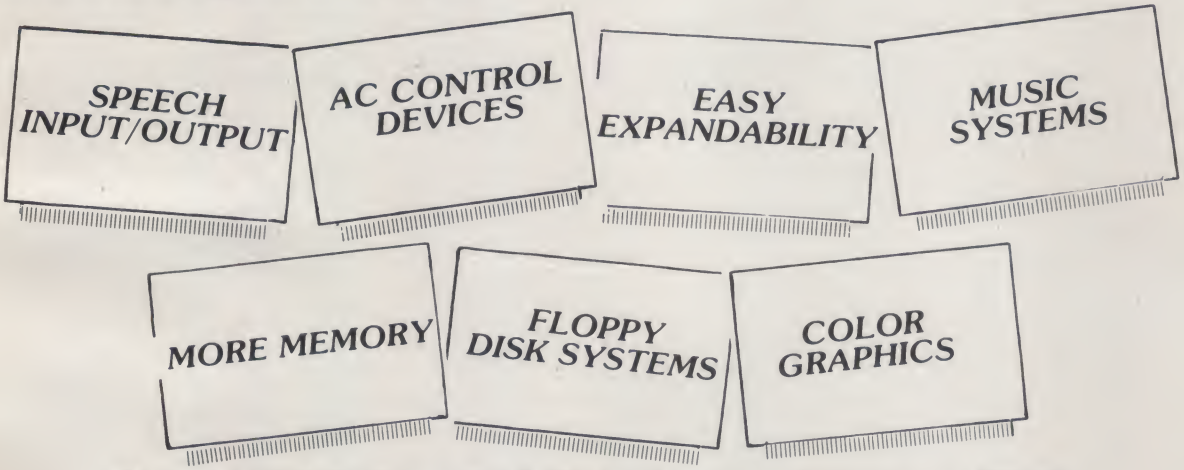

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 9865 PRINTTAB(5);"$$$$$$$$$$$$$$";SPC(5);"$$$$$$$$":PRINT
 9870 PRINTTAB(10);"5. NONE OF THE ABOVE":PRINT:RETURN
 9900 FORJ=1TO3:READM:POKEM,J:POKEM+1,61:NEXT:ONWGOTO9920,9910,9930,9940
 9910 FORJ=4TO6:READM:POKEM,J:POKEM+1,61:NEXT:GOTO9950
 9920 FORJ=1TO4:READM:NEXT:POKEM,4:POKEM+1,61:GOTO9950
 9930 READM:POKEM,J:POKEM+1,61:FORJ=1TO4:READM:NEXT:POKEM,J:POKEM+1,61:GOTO9950
 9940 FORJ=1TO5:READM:NEXT:FORJ=4TO8:READM:POKEM,J:POKEM+1,61:NEXT
 9950 RESTORE:RETURN
 9990 DATA 32862,33168,33462,33283,33116,32994,33203,33000,33394,33358,33203
 9995 DATA 33038,32994,32954
 9999 END
READY.
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Paint program.

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BYTES USED= 6202    PROGRAM 3 - PAINT      1/17/79

 400 IFST=0THEN500
 410 PRINT"6cd";TAB(4);"PROGRAM DID NOT LOAD PROPERLY"
 420 PRINT:PRINT:PRINTTAB(4);"REWIND TAPE AND LOAD 'COVER UP'":GOTO9999
 500 CLR:OPEN 1,0,1
 550 G3=1:G4=0:X3$="":PRINT"cs 3cd":PRINTTAB(9);"*** P A I N T ***"
1000 PRINT"3cd";TAB(4);"ENTER NAME OF ROOM: ";:INPUT$1,R$:GOSUB9300
1020 IF U$="N"THENW=5:GOTO1290
1100 GOSUB 9800:PRINT:PRINT"SELECT SHAPE BY NUMBER: ";
1110 G1$="1":G2$="5":GOSUB9200:W=VAL(A$)
1120 IF W=1 THEN W1=4:GOTO1170
1130 IF W=2 THEN W1=6:GOTO1170
1140 IF W=3 THEN W1=5:GOTO1170
1150 IF W=4 THEN W1=8:GOTO1170
1160 IF W=5ANDG4=0THEN1290
1165 Z=0:GOTO2040
1170 GOSUB9360
1200 PRINT"cs":ONWGOSUB9500,9510,9520,9530
1230 GOSUB 9900:GOSUB8000:GOSUB8660:GOSUB9400:IFE$="N"THEN1200
1240 IFG4=1THEN2020
1285 GOTO 1400
1290 G3=2:GOSUB 8100:GOSUB 9410:IF E$="Y" THEN 1400
1300 GOSUB 8140:GOSUB 9410:IF E$="N"THEN1300
1400 IFG4=1THEN2020
1410 PRINT"cs 6cd";TAB(4);"ENTER NUMBER OF DOORS: ";
1415 G1$="0":G2$="9":GOSUB 9200:D=VAL(A$)
1420 PRINT"2cd";TAB(4);"ENTER NUMBER OF WINDOWS: ";:GOSUB9200:F=VAL(A$)
2000 GOSUB7200:GOSUB7000:IFZ=0ANDG4=0THENG4=1:X3$=" CEILING": GOTO1100
2010 IF Z=1THEN2040
2020 GOSUB7000
2040 IFT<1THENGOSUB7800:GOTO500
2050 GOSUB7500:PRINT"cs 6cdARE YOU PAINTING ANOTHER ROOM (Y OR N)?";:G1$="A"
2060 GOSUB 9200:IF A$="Y"THEN500
2070 PRINT"cs 8cd";TAB(2);"TO CONTINUE WITH ANOTHER SELECTION,":PRINT
2080 PRINTTAB(4);"REWIND TAPE AND LOAD 'COVER UP'"
2090 PRINT"4cd";TAB(8);"HAVE A NICE DAY!":PRINT"3cd":GOTO9999
7000 Z=0:ON W GOTO 7020,7030,7040,7060,7025
7020 IFL(1)=L(3)ANDL(2)=L(4)THEN7070
7025 RETURN
7030 IFL(1)+L(5)=L(3)ANDL(4)+L(6)=L(2)THEN7070
7035 RETURN
7040 A=L(2)-L(4):B=L(3)-L(1):C=A^2+B^2:C=INT(SQR(C)+.5)
7050 IFL(5)=C OR L(5)=C-1 OR L(5)=C+1 THEN7070
7055 RETURN
7060 IF L(4)+L(6)+L(8)=L(2) AND L(3)+L(5)=L(1)+L(7)THEN7070
7065 RETURN
7070 Z=1:ONWGOTO7075,7080,7085,7100
7075 C=L(1)*L(2)/144:GOSUB7120:GOTO7110
7080 C1=L(1)*L(2):C2=L(4)*L(5):C=(C1+C2)/144:GOSUB7120:GOTO7110
7085 C1=L(1)*L(2):C2=L(4)*(L(3)-L(1)):C3=SQR((L(3)-L(1))^2+(L(2)-L(4))^2)
7090 C=(C1+C2+C3)/144:GOSUB7120:GOTO7110
7100 C1=L(1)*L(8):C2=L(6)*L(1)+L(7):C3=L(3)*L(4):C=(C1+C2+C3)/144:GOSUB7120
7110 Q3=Q:G3=G:C=A:RETURN
7120 A=C:GOTO7140
7130 A=T
7140 Q=INT(A/100+.999):IFQ>4THEN7160
7150 IFQ<1THENQ=1:GOTO7180
7160 G1=Q/4:G=INT(G1):Q=G1-G:IFQ=0THENGOTO7180
7165 IFQ=.25THENQ=1:GOTO7180
7170 IFQ=.5THENQ=2:GOTO7180
7175 IFQ=.75THENQ=3:GOTO7180
7180 A=INT((A+.05)*10)/10:RETURN
7200 D=D*20:F=F*10:T=0
7210 FOR J=1 TO W1:A(J)=L(J)*H(J)/144:T=T+A(J):NEXT:T=T-(D+F):GOSUB7130
7220 Q2=Q:G2=G:T=A:RETURN
7500 T$=STR$(T):G2$=STR$(G2):Q2$=STR$(Q2)
7510 IFZ=0THENC$=" N/A":G3$=C$:Q3$=C$:GOTO7530
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 9500 GOSUB9600:GOSUB9610:GOSUB9620:GOSUB9630:RETURN
 9510 GOSUB9600:GOSUB9610:GOSUB9640:GOSUB9650:GOSUB9660:GOSUB9670:RETURN
 9520 GOSUB9600:GOSUB9610:GOSUB9640:GOSUB9680:GOSUB9670:RETURN
 9530 GOSUB9670:GOSUB9600:GOSUB9710:RETURN
 9600 FORJ=32934TO33374STEP40:POKEJ,101:NEXT:RETURN
 9610 FORJ=33414TO33441:POKEJ,99:NEXT:RETURN
 9620 FORJ=33401TO32921STEP-40:POKEJ,103:NEXT:RETURN
 9630 FORJ=32894TO32921:POKEJ,100:NEXT:RETURN
 9640 FORJ=33402TO33162STEP-40:POKEJ,101:NEXT:RETURN
 9650 FORJ=33161TO33153STEP-1:POKEJ,99:NEXT:RETURN
 9660 FORJ=33113TO32953STEP-40:POKEJ,101:NEXT:RETURN
 9670 FORJ=32894TO32912:POKE J,100:NEXT:RETURN
 9680 FORJ=33121TO32945STEP-41:POKEJ,77:NEXT
 9700 FOR J=32913TO32916:POKEJ,100:NEXT:RETURN
 9710 FORJ=33414TO33432:POKEJ,99:NEXT
 9720 FORJ=32952TO33072STEP40:POKEJ,103:NEXT
 9725 FORJ=33312TO33392STEP40:POKEJ,103:NEXT
 9730 FORJ=33313TO33321:POKEJ,99:NEXT
 9740 FORJ=33073TO33081:POKEJ,100:NEXT
 9750 FORJ=33122TO33282STEP40:POKEJ,101:NEXT:RETURN
 9800 PRINT"cs":PRINTR$;X3$;" SHAPE IS....":PRINT
 9805 PRINTTAB(5);"$$$$$$$$$$$$$$";SPC(5);"$$$$$$$$"
 9810 PRINTTAB(2);"1.'";SPC(13);"% 2.'";SPC(8);"%"
 9815 FORJ=1TO2:PRINTTAB(4);"'";SPC(13);"%    '";SPC(8);"%":NEXT
 9820 PRINTTAB(4);"'";SPC(13);"%    '";SPC(8);"$$$$$%"
 9825 FORJ=1TO2:PRINTTAB(4);"'";SPC(13);"%    '";SPC(13);"%":NEXT
 9830 PRINTTAB(5);"$$$$$$$$$$$$$$      $$$$$$$$$$$$$$":PRINT
 9835 PRINTTAB(5);"$$$$$$$$$$$$";SPC(7);"$$$$$$$$"
 9840 PRINTTAB(2);"3.'";SPC(11);"M    4.'";SPC(7);"'"
 9845 PRINTTAB(4);"'";SPC(12);"M     '";SPC(7);"'$$$$$"
 9850 FORJ=1TO2:PRINTTAB(4);"'";SPC(13);"%    '";SPC(13);"%":NEXT
 9855 PRINTTAB(4);"'";SPC(13);"%    '";SPC(7);"'$$$$$"
 9860 PRINTTAB(4);"'";SPC(13);"%    '";SPC(7);"'"
 9865 PRINTTAB(5);"$$$$$$$$$$$$$$";SPC(5);"$$$$$$$$":PRINT
 9870 PRINTTAB(10);"5. NONE OF THE ABOVE":PRINT:RETURN
 9900 FORJ=1TO3:READM:POKEM,J:POKEM+1,61:NEXT:ONWGOTO9920,9910,9930,9940
 9910 FORJ=4TO6:READM:POKEM,J:POKEM+1,61:NEXT:GOTO9950
 9920 FORJ=1TO4:READM:NEXT:POKEM,4:POKEM+1,61:GOTO9950
 9930 READM:POKEM,J:POKEM+1,61:FORJ=1TO4:READM:NEXT:POKEM,J:POKEM+1,61:GOTO9950
 9940 FORJ=1TO5:READM:NEXT:FORJ=4TO8:READM:POKEM,J:POKEM+1,61:NEXT
 9950 RESTORE:RETURN
 9990 DATA 32862,33168,33462,33283,33116,32994,33203,33000,33394,33358,33203
 9995 DATA 33038,32994,32954
 9999 END
READY.
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Paneling program.

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BYTES FREE= 5662    PROGRAM -4  PANELING      1/17/79

 400 IFST=0THEN500
 410 PRINT"6cd";TAB(4);"PROGRAM DID NOT LOAD PROPERLY"
 420 PRINT:PRINT:PRINTTAB(4);"REWIND TAPE AND LOAD 'COVER UP'":GOTO9999
 500 CLR:OPEN 1,0,1
 550 G3=1:PRINT"cs 3cd":PRINTTAB(6);"*** P A N E L I N G ***"
1000 PRINT"4cd";TAB(4);"ENTER NAME OF ROOM: ";:INPUT$1,R$:GOSUB9300
1010 IFVAL(A1$)>96THENGOSUB7000:GOTO2055
1020 IF U$="N"THENW=5:GOTO1290
1100 GOSUB9800:PRINT:PRINT"SELECT SHAPE BY NUMBER: ";
1110 G1$="1":G2$="5":GOSUB9200:W=VAL(A$)
1120 IFW=1THENW1=4
1130 IFW=2THENW1=6
1140 IFW=3THENW1=5
1150 IFW=4THENW1=8
1160 IFW=5THEN1290
1170 GOSUB9360
1200 PRINT"cs":ONWGOSUB9500,9510,9520,9530
1230 GOSUB9900:GOSUB8000:GOSUB8660:GOSUB9400:IFE$="N"THEN1200
1285 GOTO1400
1290 G3=2:GOSUB8100:IFVAL(A1$)>96THENGOSUB7000:GOTO2055
1295 GOSUB9410:IFE$="Y"THEN1400
1300 GOSUB8140:GOSUB9410:IFE$="N"THEN1300
1400 PRINT"cs 6cd";TAB(4);"ENTER NUMBER OF DOORS: ";:G1$="0":G2$="9"
1410 GOSUB9200:D=VAL(A$)
1420 PRINT"2cd"TAB(4);"ENTER NUMBER OF WINDOWS: ";:GOSUB9200:F=VAL(A$)
1440 PRINT"2cdCOST PER PANEL('0' IF UNKNOWN): ";:GOSUB8300:C$=A$
2000 GOSUB7200:IFP<1THENGOSUB7800:GOTO500
2050 GOSUB7500
2055 PRINT"cs 6cdARE YOU PANELING ANOTHER ROOM (Y OR N)?";:G1$="A"
2060 GOSUB9200:IFA$="Y"THEN500
2070 PRINT"cs 8cd";TAB(2);"TO CONTINUE WITH ANOTHER SELECTION,":PRINT
2080 PRINTTAB(4);"REWIND TAPE AND LOAD 'COVER UP'"
2090 PRINT"4cd";TAB(8);"HAVE A NICE DAY!":PRINT"3cd":GOTO9999
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7520 C$=STR$(C):G3$=STR$(G3):Q3$=STR$(Q3)
7530 PRINT"cs 3cd":PRINTTAB(15-LEN(R$)/2);"*** ";R$;" ***":PRINT
7540 PRINT:PRINTTAB(16);"---AMOUNT OF PAINT @---"
7550 PRINTTAB(9);"SQUARE  400 SQUARE FEET/GALLON"
7560 PRINT"AREA      FEET      GALLONS    QUARTS":FORJ=1TO40:PRINT"C";:NEXT
7570 PRINT:PRINT:PRINT"WALLS";TAB(10);T$;TAB(22);G2$;TAB(32);Q2$
7580 PRINT:PRINT:PRINT"CEILING";TAB(10);C$;TAB(22);G3$;TAB(32);Q3$
7600 PRINT:PRINT:PRINTTAB(5);"TO CONTINUE,PRESS ANY KEY";
7610 GETA$:IF A$=""THEN7610
7620 RETURN
7800 PRINT"cs 6cd":PRINTTAB(2);"FIGURES NOT APPLICABLE AS ENTERED"
7810 PRINT"2cd";TAB(2);"PLEASE CHECK MEASUREMENTS AND REDO":PRINT"2cd":GOTO7600
8000 X$="LENGTH":X1$="WALL":IFG4=1THENX1$="SIDE"
8020 K=65:FORJ=1TO8:B$(J)=CHR$(K):K=K+1:NEXT
8030 PRINT"8cd";TAB(8);X$;"(IN INCHES)"
8040 FORI=1TOW1:PRINT:PRINTTAB(10);X1$;" ";B$(I);"= ";
8050 GOSUB9100:A(I)=VAL(A1$):PRINT:PRINT"3cu"
8060 GOSUB 9250:GOSUB 8500:NEXTI:RETURN
8100 PRINT:PRINT:PRINTTAB(4);"ENTER NUMBER OF WALLS: ";:
8110 G1$="1":G2$="9":GOSUB 9200:W1=VAL(A$):IFU$="Y"THENGOSUB9360
8140 PRINT"cs":PRINTTAB(3);"WALL";TAB(15);"HEIGHT";TAB(28);"LENGTH"
8150 PRINTTAB(12);"(IN INCHES)";TAB(26);"(IN INCHES)"
8160 FORJ=1TO40:PRINT"$";:NEXT:PRINT:PRINT
8170 FORI=1TOW1:PRINTTAB(3);I;TAB(15);
8180 IF U$="N"THENPRINT"?";:GOSUB9100:H(I)=VAL(A1$):GOTO 8200
8190 PRINT H(I);
8200 PRINT:PRINTTAB(28);"cu";"?";:GOSUB9100:L(I)=VAL(A1$):PRINT:PRINT:NEXT
8210 RETURN
8345 IFLEN(A$)>5THEN 8360
8360 FORK=33280TO33327:POKEK,32:NEXTK:FORK=1TOLEN(A$)+1:PRINT"c1";:NEXTK
8370 GOTO8300
8500 ON I GOTO 8510,8520,8530,8540,8580,8610,8630,8640
8510 M=32863:GOTO 8650
8520 M=33169:GOTO 8650
8530 M=33463:GOTO 8650
8540 ON W GOTO8550,8560,8560,8570
8550 M=33204:GOTO 8650
8560 M=33284:GOTO 8650
8570 M=33395:GOTO 8650
8580 IF W=2 THEN M=33117:GOTO 8650
8590 IF W=3 THEN M=33001:GOTO 8650
8600 IF W=4 THEN M=33359:GOTO 8650
8610 IF W=2 THEN M=32995:GOTO 8650
8620 IF W=4 THEN M=33204:GOTO 8650
8630 M=33039:GOTO 8650
8640 M=32995
8650 FORJ=1TOLEN(A1$):POKEM+J,Y(J):NEXT:RETURN
8660 FOR J=1TOW1:L(J)=A(J):NEXT:RETURN
9100 A1$="":K=1
9110 GET A$:IF A$=""THEN9110
9120 IFA$=CHR$(13)THEN9170
9130 IFA$=CHR$(20)THEN Y=0:ONG3GOSUB 9190,9195:GOTO 9100
9135 PRINTA$;:IFA$<"0"ORA$>"9"THENY=1:ONG3GOSUB9190,9195:GOTO 9100
9140 A1$=A1$+A$:A9=VAL(A1$)
9150 IFA9<.9OR A9>720THENY=0:ONG3GOSUB9190,9195:GOTO9100
9160 Y(K)=ASC(A$):K=K+1:GOTO9110
9170 IF LEN(A1$)=0THEN9110
9180 RETURN
9190 GOSUB9250:GOSUB9260:RETURN
9195 GOSUB 9370:RETURN
9200 GET A$:IFA$=""THEN 9200
9205 IF A$=CHR$(13)THEN 9200
9210 IF G1$>"9"THEN 9225
9215 IF A$<G1$ORA$>G2$THEN 9200
9220 GOTO 9230
9225 A$=LEFT$(A$,1):IF A$<>"Y"ANDA$<>"N"THEN9200
9230 PRINTA$:RETURN
9250 FORJ=33225TO33235:POKEJ,32:NEXT:RETURN
9260 FORJ=1TOLEN(A1$)+Y:PRINT"c1";:NEXT:RETURN
9280 FORJ=33136TO33152:POKEJ,32:NEXT
9290 FORJ=33218TO33224:POKEJ,32:NEXT:RETURN
9300 PRINT:PRINT:PRINT
9320 PRINTTAB(1);"IS WALL HEIGHT UNIFORM (Y OR N)? ";:G1$="A"
9330 GOSUB9200:U$=A$:IF U$="N" THEN RETURN
9340 PRINT:PRINT:PRINTTAB(4);"ENTER HEIGHT:":PRINTTAB(4);"(IN INCHES)":PRINT
9350 PRINT"3cu";TAB(18);:G3=2:GOSUB9100:G3=1:RETURN
9360 FORJ=1TOW1:H(J)=VAL(A1$):NEXT:RETURN
9370 FOR J=1TOLEN(A1$)+Y:PRINT"c1";:NEXT
9380 FORJ=1TOLEN(A1$)+Y:PRINTCHR$(32);:NEXT
9390 FORJ=1TOLEN(A1$)+Y:PRINT"c1";:NEXT:RETURN
9400 GOSUB 9280:PRINT:PRINT"8cd":GOTO9420
9410 PRINT:PRINT:PRINT:X$=""
9420 PRINT"ARE ";X$;" ENTRIES CORRECT (Y OR N)? ";:G1$="A"
9430 GOSUB9200:E$=A$:RETURN
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7000 PRINT"cs 4cd":PRINTTAB(5);"STANDARD PANEL HEIGHT IS":PRINT
7010 PRINTTAB(8);"96 INCHES (8 FEET)":PRINT:PRINT:PRINT:PRINT
7020 PRINTTAB(8);"FOR OVERSIZE WALLS,":PRINT
7030 PRINTTAB(2);"CONSULT A HOME DECORATION CENTER":GOTO7600
7200 P=0:X=.67:IFH(1)<=48THENX=.33
7205 FORJ=1TOW1:IFW<>5THENP=P+L(J):GOTO7230
7210 P(J)=L(J)/48:IFH(J)<=48THENP(J)=P(J)/2:X=.33
7220 P=P+P(J)
7230 NEXT:IFW<>5THENP=P/48
7240 P=P-((D*X)+(F*.5)):P=INT(P*10)/10+.9:P=INT(P)
7250 IFW<>5ANDH(1)<=48THENP=INT(P/2+.5)
7260 IFC$="0"THENC$="  N/A":GOTO7280
7270 C=VAL(C$):C=C*P:C1$=STR$(C):B$="$":C$=B$+C1$
7280 P1=0:FORJ=1TOW1:P1=P1+L(J):NEXT:P1=INT(P1/12*10+.5)/10:RETURN
7500 PRINT"cs":PRINTTAB(15-(LEN(R$)/2));"+++ ";R$;" +++":PRINT"4cd"
7510 PRINTTAB(2);"WALL";SPC(11);"NUMBER OF";SPC(6);"TOTAL"
7520 PRINT"PERIMETER";SPC(9);"PANELS";SPC(8);"COST"
7530 FORJ=1TO40:PRINT"D";:NEXT:PRINT:PRINT
7540 PRINTP1;" FEET";TAB(19);P;TAB(31);C$
7600 PRINT"6cd":PRINTTAB(5);"TO CONTINUE,PRESS ANY KEY";
7610 GETA$:IF A$=""THEN7610
7620 RETURN
7800 PRINT"cs 6cd":PRINTTAB(2);"FIGURES NOT APPLICABLE AS ENTERED"
7810 PRINT"2cd";TAB(2);"PLEASE CHECK MEASUREMENTS AND REDO":PRINT"2cd":GOTO7600
8000 X$="LENGTH":K=65:FORJ=1TO8:B$(J)=CHR$(K):K=K+1:NEXT
8030 PRINT"8cd";TAB(8);X$;"(IN INCHES)"
8040 FORI=1TOW1:PRINT:PRINTTAB(10);"WALL ";B$(I);"= ";
8050 GOSUB9100:A(I)=VAL(A1$):PRINT:PRINT"3cu"
8060 GOSUB 9250:GOSUB 8500:NEXTI:RETURN
8100 PRINT:PRINT:PRINTTAB(4);"ENTER NUMBER OF WALLS: ";:
8110 G1$="1":G2$="9":GOSUB 9200:W1=VAL(A$):IFU$="Y"THENGOSUB9360
8140 PRINT"cs":PRINTTAB(3);"WALL";TAB(15);"HEIGHT";TAB(28);"LENGTH"
8150 PRINTTAB(12);"(IN INCHES)";TAB(26);"(IN INCHES)"
8160 FORJ=1TO40:PRINT"$";:NEXT:PRINT:PRINT
8170 FORI=1TOW1:PRINTTAB(3);I;TAB(15);
8180 IFU$="N"THENPRINT"?";:GOSUB9100:H(I)=VAL(A1$):GOTO8200
8190 PRINTH(I);
8200 IF VAL(A1$)>96THENRETURN
8205 PRINT:PRINTTAB(28);"cu";"?";:GOSUB9100:L(I)=VAL(A1$):PRINT:PRINT:NEXT
8210 RETURN
8300 INPUT$1,A$:IFA$=CHR$(13)THENPRINT" cu";:GOTO8360
8320 FORJ=1TOLEN(A$):A1$=MID$(A$,J,1):IFA1$="."THEN 8340
8330 IFA1$<CHR$(48)ORA1$>CHR$(57)THEN 8360
8340 NEXTJ:A=VAL(A$):IFA<0ORA>99.99THEN8360
8345 IFLEN(A$)>5THEN8360
8350 RETURN
8360 FORK=33280TO33322:POKEK,32:NEXTK:FORK=1TOLEN(A$)+1:PRINT"c1";:NEXTK
8370 GOTO8300
8500 ONIGOTO 8510,8520,8530,8540,8580,8610,8630,8640
8510 M=32863:GOTO 8650
8520 M=33169:GOTO 8650
8530 M=33463:GOTO8650
8540 ON W GOTO8550,8560,8560,8570
8550 M=33204:GOTO 8650
8560 M=33284:GOTO 8650
8570 M=33395:GOTO8650
8580 IFW=2THENM=33117:GOTO8650
8590 IFW=3THENM=33001:GOTO8650
8600 IFW=4THENM=33359:GOTO8650
8610 IFW=2THENM=32995:GOTO8650
8620 IFW=4THENM=33204:GOTO8650
8630 M=33039:GOTO8650
8640 M=32995
8650 FORJ=1TOLEN(A1$):POKEM+J,Y(J):NEXT:RETURN
8660 IF X$="LENGTH"THEN FOR J=1TOW1:L(J)=A(J):NEXT:RETURN
9100 A1$="":K=1
9110 GETA$:IFA$=""THEN9110
9120 IFA$=CHR$(13)THEN9170
9130 IFA$=CHR$(20)THENY=0:ONG3GOSUB9190,9195:GOTO9100
9135 PRINTA$;:IFA$<"0"ORA$>"9"THENY=1:ONG3GOSUB9190,9195:GOTO 9100
9140 A1$=A1$+A$:A9=VAL(A1$)
9150 IFA9<.9OR A9>720THENY=0:ONG3GOSUB9190,9195:GOTO9100
9160 Y(K)=ASC(A$):K=K+1:GOTO9110
9170 IF LEN(A1$)=0THEN9110
9180 RETURN
9190 GOSUB9250:GOSUB9260:RETURN
9195 GOSUB9370:RETURN
9200 GETA$:IFA$=""THEN9200
9205 IFA$=CHR$(13)THEN 9200
9210 IFG1$>"9"THEN 9225
9215 IF A$<G1$ORA$>G2$THEN 9200
9220 GOTO9230
9225 A$=LEFT$(A$,1):IF A$<>"Y"ANDA$<>"N"THEN9200
9230 PRINTA$:RETURN
9250 FORJ=33225TO33235:POKEJ,32:NEXT:RETURN
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9260 FORJ=1TOLEN(A1$)+Y:PRINT"cl";:NEXT:RETURN
9280 FORJ=33136TO33152:POKEJ,32:NEXT
9290 FORJ=33218TO33224:POKEJ,32:NEXT:RETURN
9300 PRINT:PRINT:PRINT
9320 PRINTTAB(1);"IS WALL HEIGHT UNIFORM (Y OR N)? ";:G1$="A"
9330 GOSUB9200:U$=A$:IF U$="N" THEN RETURN
9340 PRINT:PRINT:PRINTTAB(4);"ENTER HEIGHT:";:PRINTTAB(4);"(IN INCHES)":PRINT
9350 PRINT"3cu";TAB(18);:G3=2:GOSUB9100:G3=1:RETURN
9360 FORJ=1TOW1:H(J)=VAL(A1$):NEXT:RETURN
9370 FORJ=1TOLEN(A1$)+Y:PRINT"cl";:NEXT
9380 FORJ=1TOLEN(A1$)+Y:PRINTCHR$(32);:NEXT
9390 FORJ=1TOLEN(A1$)+Y:PRINT"cl";:NEXT:RETURN
9400 GOSUB9280:PRINT:PRINT"8cd":GOTO9420
9410 PRINT:PRINT:PRINT:X$=""
9420 PRINT"ARE ";X$;" ENTRIES CORRECT (Y OR N)? ";:G1$="A"
9430 GOSUB9200:E$=A$:RETURN
9500 GOSUB9600:GOSUB9610:GOSUB9620:GOSUB9630:RETURN
9510 GOSUB9600:GOSUB9610:GOSUB9640:GOSUB9650:GOSUB9660:GOSUB9670:RETURN
9520 GOSUB9600:GOSUB9610:GOSUB9640:GOSUB9680:GOSUB9670:RETURN
9530 GOSUB9670:GOSUB9600:GOSUB9710:RETURN
9600 FORJ=32934TO33374STEP40:POKEJ,101:NEXT:RETURN
9610 FORJ=33414TO33441:POKEJ,99:NEXT:RETURN
9620 FORJ=33401TO32921STEP-40:POKEJ,103:NEXT:RETURN
9630 FORJ=32894TO32921:POKEJ,100:NEXT:RETURN
9640 FORJ=33402TO33162STEP-40:POKEJ,101:NEXT:RETURN
9650 FORJ=33161TO33153STEP-1:POKEJ,99:NEXT:RETURN
9660 FORJ=33113TO32953STEP-40:POKEJ,101:NEXT:RETURN
9670 FORJ=32894TO32912:POKE J,100:NEXT:RETURN
9680 FORJ=33121TO32945STEP-41:POKEJ,77:NEXT
9700 FOR J=32913TO32916:POKEJ,100:NEXT:RETURN
9710 FORJ=33414TO33432:POKEJ,99:NEXT
9720 FORJ=32952TO33072STEP40:POKEJ,103:NEXT
9725 FORJ=33312TO33392STEP40:POKEJ,103:NEXT
9730 FORJ=33313TO33321:POKEJ,99:NEXT
9740 FORJ=33073TO33081:POKEJ,100:NEXT
9750 FORJ=33122TO33282STEP40:POKEJ,101:NEXT:RETURN
9800 PRINT"cs":PRINTR$;" SHAPE IS....":PRINT
9805 PRINTTAB(5);"$$$$$$$$$$$$$$";SPC(5);"$$$$$$$$"
9810 PRINTTAB(2);"1.'";SPC(13);"% 2.'";SPC(8);"%"
9815 FORJ=1TO2:PRINTTAB(4);"'";SPC(13);"%    '";SPC(8);"%":NEXT
9820 PRINTTAB(4);"'";SPC(13);"%    '";SPC(8);"$$$$$%"
9825 FORJ=1TO2:PRINTTAB(4);"'";SPC(13);"%    '";SPC(13);"%":NEXT
9830 PRINTTAB(5);"$$$$$$$$$$$$$$     $$$$$$$$$$$$$$":PRINT
9835 PRINTTAB(5);"$$$$$$$$$$$";SPC(7);"$$$$$$$$"
9840 PRINTTAB(2);"3.'";SPC(11);"%   4.'";SPC(7);"'"
9845 PRINTTAB(4);"'";SPC(12);"%    '";SPC(7);"'$$$$$"
9850 FORJ=1TO2:PRINTTAB(4);"'";SPC(13);"%    '";SPC(13);"%":NEXT
9855 PRINTTAB(4);"'";SPC(13);"%    '";SPC(7);"'$$$$$"
9860 PRINTTAB(4);"'";SPC(13);"%    '";SPC(7);"'"
9865 PRINTTAB(5);"$$$$$$$$$$$$$$";SPC(5);"$$$$$$$$":PRINT
9870 PRINTTAB(10);"5. NONE OF THE ABOVE":PRINT:RETURN
9900 FORJ=1TO3:READM:POKEM,J:POKEM+1,61:NEXT:ONWGOTO9920,9910,9930,9940
9910 FORJ=4TO6:READM:POKEM,J:POKEM+1,61:NEXT:GOTO9950
9920 FORJ=1TO4:READM:NEXT:POKEM,4:POKEM+1,61:GOTO9950
9930 READM:POKEM,J:POKEM+1,61:FORJ=1TO4:READM:NEXT:POKEM,J:POKEM+1,61:GOTO9950
9940 FORJ=1TO5:READM:NEXT:FORJ=4TO8:READM:POKEM,J:POKEM+1,61:NEXT
9950 RESTORE:RETURN
9990 DATA 32862,33168,33462,33283,33116,32994,33203,33000,33394,33358,33203
9995 DATA 33038,32994,32954
9999 END
READY.
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Carpet program.

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BYTES USED= 5736      PROGRAM 5 - CARPET     1/17/79

 400 IF ST=0 THEN 500
 410 PRINT"6cd";TAB(4);"PROGRAM DID NOT LOAD PROPERLY"
 420 PRINT:PRINT:PRINTTAB(4);"REWIND TAPE AND LOAD 'COVER UP'":GOTO9999
 500 CLR:OPEN 1,0,1
 550 G3=1:PRINT"cs 3cd":PRINTTAB(8);"*** C A R P E T ***"
1000 PRINT"6cd":PRINTTAB(4);"ENTER NAME OF ROOM: ";:INPUT$1,R$
1100 GOSUB 9800:PRINT:PRINT"SELECT SHAPE BY NUMBER: ";
1110 G1$="1":G2$="5":GOSUB9200:W=VAL(A$)
1120 IF W=5THEN GOSUB 7900:GOTO 2050
1130 IF W=1 THEN W1=4:GOTO1200
1140 IF W=2 THEN W1=6:GOTO1200
1150 IF W=3 THEN W1=5:GOTO1200
1160 IF W=4 THEN W1=8
1200 PRINT"cs":ONWGOSUB9500,9510,9520,9530
1230 GOSUB 9900:GOSUB8000:GOSUB8660:GOSUB9400:IFE$="N"THEN1200
1300 PRINT"cs 7cd":PRINTTAB(2);"ENTER COST PER SQUARE YARD: ":PRINT
1310 PRINTTAB(3);"('0' IF UNKNOWN)";:PRINT"2cu";TAB(30);:GOSUB8300:M$=A$
2000 GOSUB7000:IFZ=0THENGOSUB7800:GOTO1100
2010 IFA<1THENGOSUB7800:GOTO500
2020 GOSUB7200
2030 IF F=1 THEN 2050
2040 GOSUB 7500
2050 PRINT"cs 7cdARE YOU CARPETING ANOTHER ROOM (Y OR N)?";:G1$="A"
2060 GOSUB 9200:IF A$="Y"THEN500
2070 PRINT"cs 8cd";TAB(2);"TO CONTINUE WITH ANOTHER SELECTION,":PRINT
2080 PRINT:PRINTTAB(4);"REWIND TAPE AND LOAD 'COVER UP'"
2090 PRINT"2cd";TAB(8);"HAVE A NICE DAY!":PRINT"3cd":GOTO9999
7000 Z=0:ON W GOTO 7020,7030,7040,7060,7025
7020 IFL(1)=L(3)ANDL(2)=L(4)THEN7070
7025 RETURN
7030 IFL(1)+L(5)=L(3)ANDL(4)+L(6)=L(2)THEN7070
7035 RETURN
7040 A=L(2)-L(4):B=L(3)-L(1):C=A^2+B^2:C=INT(SQR(C)+.5)
7050 IFL(5)=C OR L(5)=C-1 OR L(5)=C+1 THEN7070
7055 RETURN
7060 IF L(4)+L(6)+L(8)=L(2) AND L(3)+L(5)=L(1)+L(7)THEN7070
7065 RETURN
7070 Z=1:ONWGOTO7075,7080,7085,7100
7075 A=L(1)*L(2)/144/9:GOSUB7120:GOTO7110
7080 C1=L(1)*L(2):C2=L(4)*L(5):A=(C1+C2)/144/9:GOSUB7120:GOTO7110
7085 C1=L(1)*L(2):C2=L(4)*(L(3)-L(1)):C3=SQR((L(3)-L(1))^2+(L(2)-L(4))^2)
7090 A=(C1+C2+C3)/144/9:GOSUB7120:GOTO7110
7100 C1=L(1)*L(8):C2=L(6)*(L(1)+L(7)):C3=L(3)*L(4)
7105 A=(C1+C2+C3)/144/9:GOSUB 7120
7110 A=A1:RETURN
7120 A1=A:GOTO7140
7130 A1=C
7140 A1=INT((A1+.05)*10)/10:RETURN
7200 F=0:N=144:X9=L(2):IF W=4THEN7220
7210 Y9=L(3):GOTO7230
7220 Y9=L(3)+L(5)
7230 IFX9>180ANDY9>180THENGOSUB7400:RETURN
7240 IFX9>NANDY9>NTHENN=180
7250 IFX9<=NANDY9<=NTHEN7300
7260 IFX9>NANDY9<=NTHEN7350
7270 IFY9>NANDX9<=NTHEN7360
7300 IFX9>= Y9THEN7360
7350 C=N*X9/144/9:GOTO7370
7360 C=N*Y9/144/9
7370 GOSUB7130:C=INT(A1+.99):N=N/12:M=VAL(M$):IFM=0THENM1$="  N/A":RETURN
7380 M=M*C:D$="$":M$=STR$(M):M1$=D$+M$:RETURN
7400 PRINT"cs 5cd":PRINTTAB(5);"ROOM DIMENSIONS TOO LARGE"
7410 PRINT:PRINTTAB(5);"FOR STANDARD CARPET WIDTHS"
7420 PRINT"3cd":PRINTTAB(5);"CONSULT A CARPET DEALER":F=1
7430 PRINT"2cd":GOTO7600
7500 PRINT"cs 2cd":PRINTTAB(15-INT(LEN(R$)/2));"*** ";R$;" ***":PRINT"3cu"
7510 PRINTTAB(1);"SQ.YARDS";SPC(3);"MAXIMUM CARPET";SPC(4);"MAXIMUM"
7520 PRINTTAB(1);"OF AREA";SPC(3);N;" FOOT WIDTH";SPC(6);"COST"
7530 FORJ=1TO40:PRINT"C";:NEXT:PRINT:PRINT
7540 PRINTTAB(1);A;TAB(12);C;" SQ.YARDS";TAB(29);M1$
7550 PRINT"4cd"
7600 PRINT:PRINT:PRINTTAB(5);"TO CONTINUE,PRESS ANY KEY";
7610 GETA$:IF A$=""THEN7610
7620 RETURN
7800 PRINT"cs 6cd":PRINTTAB(2);"FIGURES NOT APPLICABLE AS ENTERED"
7810 PRINT"2cd";TAB(2);"PLEASE CHECK MEASUREMENTS AND REDO":PRINT"2cd":GOTO7600
7900 PRINT"cs 10cd":PRINTTAB(7);"CHOICE NOT APPLICABLE"
7910 FORJ=1TO2000:NEXT:RETURN
8000 X$="LENGTH":X1$="WALL":IFG4=1THENX1$="SIDE"
8020 K=65:FORJ=1TO8:B$(J)=CHR$(K):K=K+1:NEXT
8030 PRINT"8cd";TAB(8);X$;"(IN INCHES)"
8040 FORI=1TOW1:PRINT:PRINTTAB(10);X1$;" ";B$(I);"= ";
8050 GOSUB9100:A(I)=VAL(A1$):PRINT:PRINT"3cu"
8060 GOSUB 9250:GOSUB 8500:NEXTI:RETURN
8300 INPUT$1,A$
8310 IFA$=CHR$(13)THENPRINT"cu";:GOTO8360
8320 FORJ=1TOLEN(A$):A1$=MID$(A$,J,1):IFA1$=CHR$(46)THEN8340
8330 IFA1$<"0"ORA1$>"9"THEN8360
8340 NEXT:A=VAL(A$):IFA>99.99THEN8360
8345 IFLEN(A$)>5THEN 8360
8350 RETURN
8360 FORK=33118TO33158:POKEK,32:NEXTK:FORK=1TOLEN(A$)+1:PRINT"cl";:NEXTK
8370 GOTO8300
8500 ON I GOTO 8510,8520,8530,8540,8580,8610,8630,8640
8510 M=32863:GOTO 8650
8520 M=33169:GOTO 8650
8530 M=33463:GOTO 8650
8540 ON W GOTO8550,8560,8560,8570
8550 M=33204:GOTO 8650
8560 M=33284:GOTO 8650
8570 M=33395:GOTO 8650
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8580 IF W=2 THEN M=33117:GOTO 8650
8590 IF W=3 THEN M=33001:GOTO 8650
8600 IF W=4 THEN M=33359:GOTO 8650
8610 IF W=2 THEN M=32995:GOTO 8650
8620 IF W=4 THEN M=33204:GOTO 8650
8630 M=33039:GOTO 8650
8640 M=32995
8650 FORJ=1TOLEN(A1$):POKEM+J,Y(J):NEXT:RETURN
8660 FOR J=1TOW1:L(J)=A(J):NEXT:RETURN
9100 A1$="":K=1
9110 GET A$:IF A$=""THEN9110
9120 IFA$=CHR$(13)THEN9170
9130 IFA$=CHR$(20)THEN Y=0:ONG3GOSUB 9190,9195:GOTO 9100
9135 PRINTA$;:IFA$<"0"ORA$>"9"THENY=1:ONG3GOSUB9190,9195:GOTO 9100
9140 A1$=A1$+A$:A9=VAL(A1$)
9150 IFA9<.9OR A9>720THENY=0:ONG3GOSUB9190,9195:GOTO9100
9160 Y(K)=ASC(A$):K=K+1:GOTO9110
9170 IF LEN(A1$)=0THEN9110
9180 RETURN
9190 GOSUB9250:GOSUB9260:RETURN
9195 GOSUB 9370:RETURN
9200 GET A$:IFA$=""THEN 9200
9205 IF A$=CHR$(13)THEN 9200
9210 IF G1$>"9"THEN 9225
9215 IF A$<G1$OR A$>G2$THEN 9200
9220 GOTO 9230
9225 A$=LEFT$(A$,1):IF A$<>"Y"ANDA$<>"N"THEN9200
9230 PRINTA$:RETURN
9250 FORJ=33225TO33235:POKEJ,32:NEXT:RETURN
9260 FORJ=1TOLEN(A1$)+Y:PRINT"c1";:NEXT:RETURN
9280 FORJ=33136TO33152:POKEJ,32:NEXT
9290 FORJ=33218TO33224:POKEJ,32:NEXT:RETURN
9370 FOR J=1TOLEN(A1$)+Y:PRINT"c1";:NEXT
9380 FORJ=1TOLEN(A1$)+Y:PRINTCHR$(32);:NEXT
9390 FORJ=1TOLEN(A1$)+Y:PRINT"c1";:NEXT:RETURN
9400 GOSUB 9280:PRINT:PRINT"Bcd":GOTO9420
9410 PRINT:PRINT:PRINT"X$=""
9420 PRINT"ARE "X$;" ENTRIES CORRECT (Y OR N)? ";:G1$="A"
9430 GOSUB9200:E$=A$:RETURN
9500 GOSUB9600:GOSUB9610:GOSUB9620:GOSUB9630:RETURN
9510 GOSUB9600:GOSUB9610:GOSUB9640:GOSUB9650:GOSUB9660:GOSUB9670:RETURN
9520 GOSUB9600:GOSUB9610:GOSUB9640:GOSUB9680:GOSUB9670:RETURN
9530 GOSUB9670:GOSUB9600:GOSUB9710:RETURN
9600 FORJ=32934TO33374STEP40:POKEJ,101:NEXT:RETURN
9610 FORJ=33414TO33441:POKEJ,99:NEXT:RETURN
9620 FORJ=33401TO32921STEP-40:POKEJ,103:NEXT:RETURN
9630 FORJ=32894TO32921:POKEJ,100:NEXT:RETURN
9640 FORJ=33402TO33162STEP-40:POKEJ,101:NEXT:RETURN
9650 FORJ=33161TO33153STEP-1:POKEJ,99:NEXT:RETURN
9660 FORJ=33113TO32953STEP-40:POKEJ,101:NEXT:RETURN
9670 FORJ=32894TO32912:POKE J,100:NEXT:RETURN
9680 FORJ=33121TO32945STEP-1:POKEJ,77:NEXT
9700 FOR J=32913TO32916:POKEJ,100:NEXT:RETURN
9710 FORJ=33414TO33432:POKEJ,99:NEXT
9720 FORJ=32952TO33072STEP40:POKEJ,103:NEXT
9725 FORJ=33312TO33392STEP40:POKEJ,103:NEXT
9730 FORJ=33313TO33321:POKEJ,99:NEXT
9740 FORJ=33073TO33081:POKEJ,100:NEXT
9750 FORJ=33122TO33282STEP40:POKEJ,101:NEXT:RETURN
9800 PRINT"cs":PRINTR$;X3$;" SHAPE IS ";:PRINT
9805 PRINTTAB(5);"$$$$$$$$$$$$$";SPC(5);"$$$$$$$"
9810 PRINTTAB(2);"1,";SPC(13);"2,";SPC(8);"2"
9815 FORJ=1TO2:PRINTTAB(4);"  ";SPC(13);"%   ";SPC(8);"%":NEXT
9820 PRINTTAB(4);"  ";SPC(13);"%   ";SPC(8);"#####%"
9825 FORJ=1TO2:PRINTTAB(4);"  ";SPC(13);"%   ";SPC(13);"%":NEXT
9830 PRINTTAB(5);"##############   ##############":PRINT
9835 PRINTTAB(5);"$$$$$$$$$";SPC(7);"$$$$$$$"
9840 PRINTTAB(2);"3,";SPC(11);"M   4,";SPC(7);","
9845 PRINTTAB(4);"  ";SPC(12);"M   ";SPC(7);"$$$$$"
9850 FORJ=1TO2:PRINTTAB(4);"  ";SPC(13);"%   ";SPC(13);"%":NEXT
9855 PRINTTAB(4);"  ";SPC(13);"%   ";SPC(7);"#####"
9860 PRINTTAB(4);"  ";SPC(13);"%   ";SPC(7);","
9865 PRINTTAB(5);"##########   ";SPC(5);"########":PRINT
9870 PRINTTAB(10);"5, NONE OF THE ABOVE":PRINT:RETURN
9900 FORJ=1TO3:READM:POKEM,J:POKEM+1,61:NEXT:ONWGOTO9920,9910,9930,9940
9910 FORJ=4TO6:READM:POKEM,J:POKEM+1,61:NEXT:GOTO9950
9920 FORJ=1TO4:READM:NEXT:POKEM,4:POKEM+1,61:GOTO9950
9930 READM:POKEM+J:POKEM+1,61:FORJ=1TO4:READM:NEXT:POKEM,J:POKEM+1,61:GOTO9950
9940 FORJ=1TO5:READM:NEXT:FORJ=4TO8:READM:POKEM,J:POKEM+1,61:NEXT
9950 RESTORE:RETURN
9990 DATA 32862,33168,33462,33283,33116,32994,33203,33000,33394,33358,33203
9995 DATA 33038,32994,32954
9999 END
READY.
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✓ Reader Service—see page 179

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Teleprinter Output for TRS-80

This method of adding teleprinter output control to the TRS-80 uses hardware and software.

This article presents a low-cost method of adding teleprinter output control to a TRS-80 Level II computer. The Radio Shack expansion interface is not required, and the interface described in this article is very low cost. The teleprinter is automatically linked to Level II BASIC so that the LLIST and LPRINT commands affect the teleprinter in the same manner as the Radio Shack line printer is affected.

Background

One of the first things I did upon receiving my Level II upgrade was to examine the accompanying manual. In spite of my high interest in the new BASIC, the first thing that caught my eye was the memory map in the appendices. Right there in black and white was enough detail for me to formulate plans for connecting my Baudot-coded teleprinter to the TRS-80 for hard-copy output.

The item that started my ensuing design was the definition in the memory map of *device control blocks*. Basically, a device control block for the TRS-80 contains eight bytes of reserved RAM that are used to define the software hooks for a particular input/output device. In the non-disk Level II systems, three such blocks are defined—keyboard input, device output (video display) and printer output (line printer). Each block is rigidly defined as to what each byte means to the system software.

In each block the first byte defines the type of block; the next two bytes define the software driver address for the particular I/O device; the next three bytes of each block are used for uniquely defined constants or counters used by the software driver; and the last two bytes contain the ASCII values of two letters that identify what the block is used for. Fig. 1 shows how the device control block for the line printer is defined in the manual and also what values are loaded into these RAM locations when the TRS-80 is first powered up.

Using the driver address as shown in Fig. 1 and the disassembler function of the RSM-1S monitor software from Small Systems Software (an excellent piece of software for a fair price), I then investigated how the software driver was used by the system.

When the routine is called, a character to be printed is contained in the C register of the Z-80 CPU. The routine checks the value of the character to see if a control function is to be performed, does that function if required and then returns to the calling program. If the character is printable, then the character will be output to the line printer.

In either case the software driver determines what action is to be taken and then continually tests a line printer status address for an indication that the printer is ready. This last statement indicates why the computer hangs up in an endless loop when the LPRINT or LLIST commands are executed when no line printer is attached.

At this point I had sufficient information on how the TRS-80 handled its I/O functions to write my own software driver for printed output on a teleprinter. But, I had no way of electrically connecting a teleprinter to the computer.

After considering the technical aspects of interfacing a hardware UART to the 40-pin expansion connector, the cost of the hardware and the remaining need for interface software, I decided in favor of using the cassette interface as a less expensive choice for a serial output to a teleprinter. My first interface was simplicity personified! A battery and a relay as shown in Fig. 2 were all I required.

In Fig. 2 the relay is operated by operating the relay within the computer that is normally used to operate the cassette motor. The normally closed contact of the interface relay puts the TTY current loop in a marking state as its normal state. Issuing a value of 4 to output port 0FFH turns on the cassette motor relay, operates the interface relay and opens the current loop. An open current loop is in the spacing state.

The Fig. 2 interface worked fine, but then I heard dire warnings from Radio Shack of early cassette motor relay fatigue. In order to avoid having to replace the internal TRS-80 relay someday, I searched for a better method.

Hardware

Fig. 3 shows what I consider —after investigating several other alternatives—to be the

Hexadecimal Address	Use	Hexadecimal Values Loaded at Power-Up	Values Changed by LOAD Routine
4025	DCB Type	06	
4026	Driver Address (LSB)	8D	B0
4027	Driver Address (MSB)	05	7E
4028	Lines/Page	43	
4029	Line Counter	00	
402A	Chars/Line **	00	48
402B	ASCII 'P'	50	
402C	ASCII 'R'	52	

** Characters/Line—Initially no definition, defined by LOAD

Fig. 1. TRS-80 line printer device control block.

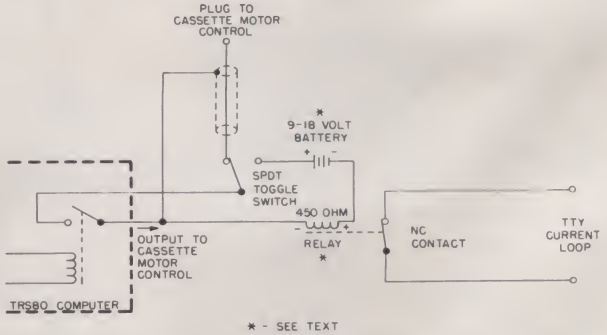

Fig. 2. Initial interface.

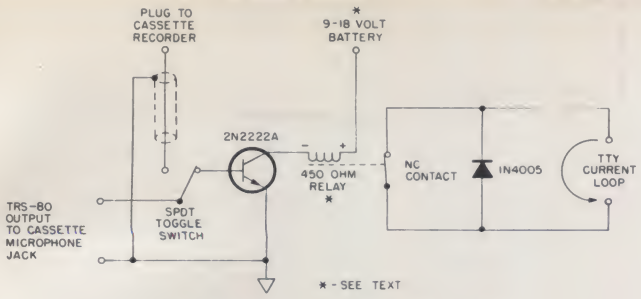

Fig. 3. Recommended interface.

least expensive and most reliable interface. In addition to what is shown in Fig. 2, this interface uses a "garden variety" transistor and a diode. Instead of using the cassette motor relay inside the TRS-80, Fig. 3 uses the audio output normally used for writing data to the cassette. This audio output, when not being used for cassette output, normally rests at .45 volts dc.

If the value of 1 is put to output port 0FFH, then the cassette audio output will rise to about .85 volts dc. This voltage range combined with Radio Shack's fortunate choice of resistance values allows the use of a simple NPN transistor to control the interface relay.

The advantage of the Fig. 3 interface is that possible cassette motor relay failure is prevented. The diode is used to reduce voltage spikes that could eventually destroy the interface relay contact. If you do not have a current supply for your teleprinter loop, then this function, plus an adjustable rheostat for obtaining the proper loop current, will have to be added.

The relay used in Fig. 2 or 3 must have fast operate and release times (1 to 2 ms range) and have a mercury-wetted, normally closed contact. This kind of relay, which will operate at low voltage, is usually expen-

Fig. 5. Software listing.

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                        00100
                        00110 ;       PRINTER OUTPUT ROUTINE FOR TRS80
                        00120
                        00130 ;       AUTHOR - DAVID G. MORR
                        00140
                        00150
                        00160 ;       REQUIREMENTS:   LEVEL II BASIC
                        00170 ;                       16K RAM
                        00180 ;                       INTERFACE TO CASSETTE AUDIO OUTPUT
                        00190 ;                       BAUDOT CODED TELEPRINTER (5 LEVEL)
                        00200
                        00210 ;       LAST REVISION DATE - 9/30/1978
                        00220
                        00230
7E9A                    00240         ORG     7E9AH   ;INITIALIZE DEVICE CONTROL BLOCK
7E9A 21A87E             00250 LOAD    LD      HL,LPRT
7E9D 222640             00260         LD      (4026H),HL
7EA0 3E48               00270         LD      A,72D   ;SET CHAR COUNT TO 72
7EA2 322A40             00280         LD      (402AH),A
7EA5 76                 00290         HALT            ;BACK TO BASIC
                        00300
7EA8                    00310         ORG     7EA8H   ;ORIGIN OF LINE PRINTER ROUTINE
7EA8 ED73FC7F           00320 LPRT    LD      (SAVSTK),SP ;SAVE CURRENT CALLING SP
7EAC DD212540           00330         LD      IX,4025H ;INITIALIZE DC8 POINTER
7EB0 79                 00340         LD      A,C     ;RETURN IF 0
7EB1 B7                 00350         OR      A
7EB2 C8                 00360         RET     Z
7EB3 FE21               00370         CP      33D     ;CHECK FOR NON-CONTROL
7EB5 3053               00380         JR      NC,ALPHA
7EB7 FE0D               00390         CP      13D     ;CHECK FOR CARRIAGE RETURN
7EB9 282C               00400         JR      Z,CRLF
7EBB FE0A               00410         CP      10D     ;CHECK FOR LINE FEED
7EBD 2842               00420         JR      Z,LF
7EBF FE0B               00430         CP      11D     ;CHECK FOR VERTICAL TAB
7EC1 2811               00440         JR      Z,VERTAB
7EC3 FE0C               00450         CP      12D     ;CHECK FOR FORM FEED
7EC5 2808               00460         JR      Z,FRMFD
7EC7 FE20               00470         CP      32D     ;CHECK FOR SPACE CHARACTER
7EC9 C0                 00480         RET     NZ      ;RETURN IF NOT APPLICABLE
7ECA 3E04               00490 SPCHR   LD      A,4     ;PRINT SPACE CODE
7ECC C3687F             00500         JP      PRINT
                        00510
7ECF AF                 00520 FRMFD   XOR     A       ;CHECK FOR 0 LINES PER PAGE
7ED0 DD8603             00530         OR      (IX+3)
7ED3 C8                 00540         RET     Z       ;IGNORE IF ZERO
7ED4 DD7E03             00550 VERTAB  LD      A,(IX+3) ;LINES/PAGE TO ACCUM.
7ED7 DD9604             00560         SUB     (IX+4)  ;SUBTRACT ACTURAL LINE COUNT
7EDA 47                 00570         LD      B,A     ;LINE FEED COUNTER TO B
7EDB C5                 00580 VT1     PUSH    BC
7EDC CD017F             00590         CALL    LF      ;DO A LINE FEED
7EDF C1                 00600         POP     BC
7EE0 10F9               00610         DJNZ    VT1
7EE2 DD360400           00620         LD      (IX+4),0 ;0 TO ACTURAL LINE COUNT
7EE6 C9                 00630         RET
                        00640
7EE7 DD3404             00650 CRLF    INC     (IX+4)  ;INCREMENT LINE COUNTER
7EEA DD7E04             00660         LD      A,(IX+4)
7EED DDBE03             00670         CP      (IX+3)  ;COMPARE
7EF0 2004               00680         JR      NZ,CRLF1
7EF2 DD360400           00690         LD      (IX+4),0
7EF6 DD7E05             00700 CRLF1   LD      A,(IX+5) ;SET CHAR COUNT
7EF9 32FE7F             00710         LD      (CHCNT),A
7EFC 3E08               00720         LD      A,8     ;DO A CARRIAGE RETURN
7EFE CD687F             00730         CALL    PRINT
7F01 3E02               00740 LF      LD      A,2     ;DO A LINE FEED
7F03 CD687F             00750         CALL    PRINT
7F06 CD927F             00760         CALL    DELAY   ;DELAY ABOUT  125 SEC FOR
                        00770                         ;MECHANICAL SETTLE OF TTY
7F09 C9                 00780         RET
                        00790
7F0A E67F               00800 ALPHA   AND     7FH     ;GET RID OF MSB
7F0C FE60               00810         CP      96D     ;CHECK FOR LOWER CASE
7F0E 3802               00820         JR      C,ALPH1
7F10 D620               00830         SUB     32D     ;ADJUST TO UPPER CASE
7F12 D621               00840 ALPH1   SUB     33D     ;ADJUST TO TABLE
7F14 21A67F             00850         LD      HL,TABLE
7F17 85                 00860         ADD     A,L
7F18 6F                 00870         LD      L,A
7F19 7E                 00880         LD      A,(HL)  ;GET TABLE ENTRY
7F1A FE80               00890         CP      80H     ;IF BIT 8 SET GET SPECIAL TREATMENT
7F1C 302D               00900         JR      NC,SPEC
                        00910
7F1E FE20               00920 CHOUT   CP      20H     ;CHECK FOR LETTER
7F20 F5                 00930         PUSH    AF      ;SAVE COPY
7F21 21FB7F             00940         LD      HL,SHFT ;CHECK FOR SHIFT
7F24 7E                 00950         LD      A,(HL)
7F25 300D               00960         JR      NC,FIG
7F27 FEFF               00970         CP      0FFH    ;IT'S A LETTER, SEE IF ALREADY SHIFTED
7F29 2814               00980         JR      Z,CONT  ;IF YES JUMP AHEAD
7F2B 36FF               00990         LD      (HL),0FFH ;SET SHFT = 0FFH
7F2D 3E1F               01000         LD      A,1FH   ;DO A LETTER SHIFT
7F2F CD687F             01010         CALL    PRINT
7F32 1808               01020         JR      CONT
7F34 FE00               01030 FIG     CP      00      ;IT'S A FIGURE, SEE IF ALREADY SHIFTED
7F36 2807               01040         JR      Z,CONT  ;IF YES JUMP AHEAD
7F38 3600               01050         LD      (HL),00 ;IF NOT, SET SHFT = 00
7F3A 3E1B               01060         LD      A,1BH   ;DO A FIGURE SHIFT
7F3C CD687F             01070         CALL    PRINT
7F3F 21FE7F             01080 CONT    LD      HL,CHCNT ;POINT AT CHAR COUNTER
7F42 35                 01090         DEC     (HL)    ;DECREMENT SAME
7F43 2003               01100         JR      NZ,CONT1 ;IF ZERO DO A CARRIAGE RETURN
7F45 CDE77E             01110         CALL    CRLF    ; AND LINE FEED
7F48 F1                 01120 CONT1   POP     AF      ;PRINT CHARACTER
7F49 181D               01130         JR      PRINT
                        01140
7F4B E67F               01150 SPEC    AND     7FH     ;GET RID OF MSB
7F4D F5                 01160         PUSH    AF      ;SAVE A COPY
7F4E 3E3C               01170         LD      A,3CH   ;PRINT A '<'
7F50 CD1E7F             01180         CALL    CHOUT
7F53 21E57F             01190         LD      HL,SPTB ;GET CHAR. FROM SPECIAL TABLE
7F56 F1                 01200         POP     AF
7F57 85                 01210         ADD     A,L
7F58 6F                 01220         LD      L,A
7F59 E5                 01230         PUSH    HL      ;SAVE POINTER
7F5A 7E                 01240         LD      A,(HL)  ;PRINT FIRST CHARACTER
7F5B CD1E7F             01250         CALL    CHOUT
7F5E E1                 01260         POP     HL      ;GET POINTER
7F5F 23                 01270         INC     HL
7F60 7E                 01280         LD      A,(HL)  ;PRINT SECOND CHARACTER
7F61 CD1E7F             01290         CALL    CHOUT
7F64 3E3C               01300         LD      A,3CH   ;PRINT A '<'
7F66 1886               01310         JR      CHOUT
                        01320
7F68 4F                 01330 PRINT   LD      C,A     ;SAVE COPY
7F69 1E05               01340         LD      E,5     ;SET COUNTER FOR 5 BITS
7F6B CD877F             01350         CALL    SPACE   ;OUTPUT START BIT
7F6E 79                 01360 PRINT1  LD      A,C     ;GET CHARACTER
7F6F 0F                 01370         RRCA            ;ROTATE LSB TO CARRY
7F70 4F                 01380         LD      C,A     ;SAVE REMAINS
7F71 3805               01390         JR      C,PRINT2 ;IF CARRY DO A MARK
7F73 CD827F             01400         CALL    SPACE   ;OTHERWISE DO A SPACE
7F76 1803               01410         JR      PRINT3
7F78 CD827F             01420 PRINT2  CALL    MARK
7F7B 1D                 01430 PRINT3  DEC     E       ;DECREMENT 5 BIT COUNTER
7F7C 20F0               01440         JR      NZ,PRINT1
7F7E CD8D7F             01450         CALL    STOP    ;WHEN 0 OUTPUT STOP BIT
7F81 C9                 01460         RET             ;AND RETURN
                        01470
7F82 AF                 01480 MARK    XOR     A       ;MARK IS A 0 OUT TO PORT FF
7F83 1618               01490         LD      D,27D
7F85 1809               01500         JR      BITOUT
7F87 3E01               01510 SPACE   LD      A,1     ;SPACE IS A 1 IN BIT 0 OF PORT FF
7F89 1618               01520         LD      D,27D
7F8B 1803               01530         JR      BITOUT
7F8D AF                 01540 STOP    XOR     A       ;STOP IS A 0 OUT TO PORT FF
7F8E 1626               01550         LD      D,38D
7F90 D3FF               01560 BITOUT  OUT     (0FFH),A ;TOGGLE BIT 0 OF PORT FF
7F92 0616               01570 DELAY   LD      B,22D   ;DELAY ABOUT  5 MS
7F94 3A4038             01580 DELAY1  LD      A,(3840H) ;TEST FOR BREAK KEY HIT
7F97 FE04               01590         CP      4
7F99 2806               01600         JR      Z,GOBACK
7F9B 10F7               01610         DJNZ    DELAY1
7F9D 15                 01620         DEC     D       ;DECREMENT  5 MS COUNTER
7F9E 20F2               01630         JR      NZ,DELAY
7FA0 C9                 01640         RET
7FA1 ED7BFC7F           01650 GOBACK  LD      SP,(SAVSTK) ;RESTORE ORIGINAL STACK
7FA5 C9                 01660         RET
                        01670
7FA6 2D                 01680 TABLE   DEFB    2DH     ; !
7FA7 31                 01690         DEFB    31H     ; "
7FA8 34                 01700         DEFB    34H     ; #
7FA9 29                 01710         DEFB    29H     ; $
7FAA 80                 01720         DEF8    80H     ; PERCENT (%)
7FAB 3A                 01730         DEF8    3AH     ; &
7FAC 2B                 01740         DEFB    2BH     ; '
7FAD 2F                 01750         DEF8    2FH     ; (
7FAE 32                 01760         DEF8    32H     ; )
7FAF 82                 01770         DEF8    82H     ; TIMES (*) OR ASTERISK
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7FB0 84     01780          DEFB   84H     ; PLUS (+)
7FB1 2C     01790          DEFB   2CH     ; ,
7FB2 23     01800          DEFB   23H     ; -
7FB3 3C     01810          DEFB   3CH     ; .
7FB4 3D     01820          DEFB   3DH     ; /
7FB5 36     01830          DEFB   36H     ; 0
7FB6 37     01840          DEFB   37H     ; 1
7FB7 33     01850          DEFB   33H     ; 2
7FB8 21     01860          DEFB   21H     ; 3
7FB9 2A     01870          DEFB   2AH     ; 4
7FBA 30     01880          DEFB   30H     ; 5
7FBB 35     01890          DEFB   35H     ; 6
7FBC 27     01900          DEFB   27H     ; 7
7FBD 26     01910          DEFB   26H     ; 8
7FBE 38     01920          DEFB   38H     ; 9
7FBF 2E     01930          DEFB   2EH     ; :
7FC0 3E     01940          DEFB   3EH     ; ;
7FC1 86     01950          DEFB   86H     ; LESS THAN (<)
7FC2 88     01960          DEFB   88H     ; EQUALS (=)
7FC3 8A     01970          DEFB   8AH     ; GREATER THAN (>)
7FC4 39     01980          DEFB   39H     ; ?
7FC5 8C     01990          DEFB   8CH     ; AT (@) OR AMPERSAND
7FC6 03     02000          DEFB   3       ; A
7FC7 19     02010          DEFB   19H     ; B
7FC8 0E     02020          DEFB   0EH     ; C
7FC9 09     02030          DEFB   9       ; D
7FCA 01     02040          DEFB   1       ; E
7FCB 0D     02050          DEFB   0DH     ; F
7FCC 1A     02060          DEFB   1AH     ; G
7FCD 14     02070          DEFB   14H     ; H
7FCE 06     02080          DEFB   6       ; I
7FCF 0B     02090          DEFB   0BH     ; J
7FD0 0F     02100          DEFB   0FH     ; K
7FD1 12     02110          DEFB   12H     ; L
7FD2 1C     02120          DEFB   1CH     ; M
7FD3 0C     02130          DEFB   0CH     ; N
7FD4 18     02140          DEFB   18H     ; O
7FD5 16     02150          DEFB   16H     ; P
7FD6 17     02160          DEFB   17H     ; Q
7FD7 0A     02170          DEFB   0AH     ; R
7FD8 05     02180          DEFB   5       ; S
7FD9 10     02190          DEFB   10H     ; T
7FDA 07     02200          DEFB   7       ; U
7FDB 1E     02210          DEFB   1EH     ; V
7FDC 13     02220          DEFB   13H     ; W
7FDD 1D     02230          DEFB   1DH     ; X
7FDE 15     02240          DEFB   15H     ; Y
7FDF 11     02250          DEFB   11H     ; Z
7FE0 8E     02260          DEFB   8EH     ; ARROW UP
7FE1 90     02270          DEFB   90H     ; ARROW DOWN
7FE2 92     02280          DEFB   92H     ; ARROW LEFT
7FE3 94     02290          DEFB   94H     ; ARROW RIGHT
7FE4 23     02300          DEFB   23H     ; -
            02310
7FE5 16     02320 SPTB     DEFB   16H     ; PER CENT = .PT.
7FE6 10     02330          DEFB   10H
7FE7 10     02340          DEFB   10H     ; TIMES = .TM.
7FE8 1C     02350          DEFB   1CH
7FE9 16     02360          DEFB   16H     ; PLUS = .PL.
7FEA 12     02370          DEFB   12H
7FEB 12     02380          DEFB   12H     ; LESS THAN = .LT.
7FEC 10     02390          DEFB   10H
7FED 01     02400          DEFB   1       ; EQUALS = .EQ.
7FEE 17     02410          DEFB   17H
7FEF 1A     02420          DEFB   1AH     ; GREATER THAN = .GT.
7FF0 10     02430          DEFB   10H
7FF1 03     02440          DEFB   3       ; AMPERSAND = .AT.
7FF2 10     02450          DEFB   10H
7FF3 07     02460          DEFB   7       ; ARROW UP = .UP.
7FF4 16     02470          DEFB   16H
7FF5 09     02480          DEFB   9       ; ARROW DOWN = .DN.
7FF6 0C     02490          DEFB   0CH
7FF7 12     02500          DEFB   12H     ; ARROW LEFT = .LE.
7FF8 01     02510          DEFB   1
7FF9 0A     02520          DEFB   0AH     ; ARROW RIGHT = .RI.
7FFA 06     02530          DEFB   6
            02540
0001        02550 SHFT     DEFS   1       ;CONTAINS LAST SHIFT STATUS
            02560                         ; IF 00 THEN ALREADY FIG SHIFTED
            02570                         ; IF FF THEN ALREADY LET SHIFTED
            02580
0002        02590 SAVSTK   DEFS   2       ;STORAGE FOR CALLING ROUTINE
            02600                         ;STACK POINTER
            02610
7FFE 48     02620 CHCNT    DEFB   72D     ;CURRENT CHARACTER POSITION ON
            02630                         ;LINE BEING PRINTED
7E9A        02640          END    7E9AH
00000 TOTAL ERRORS
GOBACK  7FA1
DELAY1  7F94
BITOUT  7F90
STOP    7F8D
MARK    7F82
PRINT3  7F7B
PRINT2  7F78
PRINT1  7F6E
SPACE   7F87
SPTB    7FE5
CONT1   7F48
CONT    7F3F
FIG     7F34
SHFT    7FFB
CHOUT   7F1E
SPEC    7F4B
TABLE   7FA6
ALPH1   7F12
DELAY   7F92
CHCNT   7FFE
CRLF1   7EF6
VT1     7EDB
PRINT   7F68
SPCHR   7ECA
FRMFD   7ECF
VERTAB  7ED4
LF      7F01
CRLF    7EE7
ALPHA   7F0A
SAVSTK  7FFC
LPRT    7EA8
LOAD    7E9A
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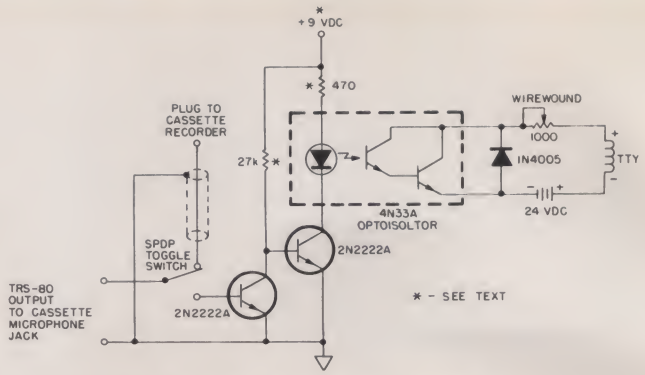

Fig. 4. Alternative interface.

sive, but Poly Paks, PO Box 942, South Lynnfield MA 01940, offers a Wabash 5504-11011 mercury-wetted relay that should do the trick for $2.50. The specifications for this relay from Wabash show the nominal coil voltage to be 15 volts dc with a maximum of .30 volts dc and a must-operate of 6.4 volts dc.

All this means that the relay should operate reliably at 9 volts dc (a single 9 volt battery), but if not then 18 volts dc (two batteries in series) will not damage the coil. I have used a similar relay and a single battery for several months with no problems (remember, the battery is used only when outputting space bits to the TTY).

Fig. 4 shows one other possibility for an electrical interface. This design is attractive in that no relay is required. The supply voltage for this design should not exceed 30 volts dc due to the electrical specifications of the 4N33 opto-isolator.

One possible substitution for the 9 volt battery would be to steal some current from the 5 volt supply available at pin 1 of the video jack of the TRS-80. The maximum current available from this source is specified at 50 mA, and only 10 mA is needed for the TTY interface LED.

Since I do not use the TRS-80 monitor I can only guess at the current required by its opto-isolator; usually optos are designed to operate reliably with 10 to 30 mA through the LED. This would leave at least 20 mA for other purposes such as the TTY interface. If a 5 volt supply is used, the resistance values will have to be reduced accordingly.

Before going any further, let me say that it is not the purpose of this article to rehash the theory and operation of teleprinters or to explain in detail the operation of software-generated UARTs. For explanations of these functions I suggest reading "Baudot Interface Cookbook" (*Kilobaud* No. 21, p. 66) and "Kilobaud Klassroom" (*Kilobaud* No. 22, p. 46).

Software

The software listing in Fig. 5 was edited and assembled using the Radio Shack Assembler Editor, which I highly recommend. This assembler is better than many commercial assemblers that cost hundreds of dollars. Following the flowcharts in Figs. 6 to 10 is the best way to understand the software driver; so study these before going on to Fig. 5.

When you enter the main rou-

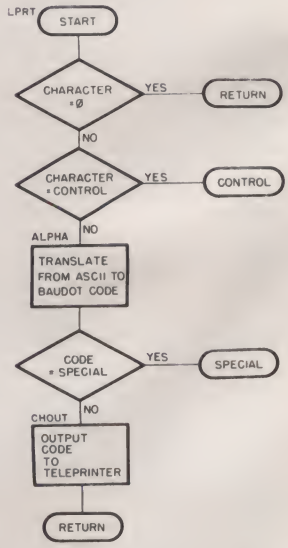

Fig. 6. Fundamental flowchart.

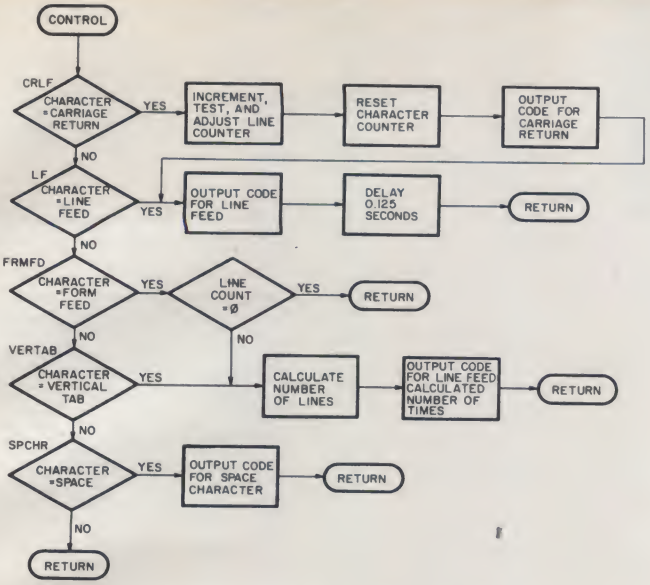

Fig. 7. Flowchart for control characters.

tine, the value of the ASCII character to be printed is checked for possible control code values. Generally all ASCII control codes have values less than 32 decimal, of which only four are of any meaning to this routine: ten for line feed, 11 for vertical tab, 12 for form feed and 13 for carriage return. These are the same codes that are discerned by the line printer routine in ROM.

In addition to the four control codes mentioned, I have also defined the space character as control. For Baudot machines a space can occur regardless of the mechanical shift position of the carriage. It is more effective, therefore, to define it this way and not require the shifting or unshifting every time a space is required. All of these codes are used as shown in Fig. 7 and are primarily for positioning the paper for the next printed character.

If the character is not used for control then it represents a printable character. Since 5-level-coded teleprinters don't print all of the characters that are represented by the ASCII character set, any character to be printed must be checked to see if special action must be taken.

All character codes that are not control are referenced in the table of Fig. 5 called TABLE (unique name). The first entry in TABLE is the Baudot code for !, which corresponds to ASCII 33. The second entry is for ", which corresponds to ASCII 34. The third entry is for #, which corresponds to ASCII 35.

This pattern is followed for the entire ASCII set of characters, except lowercase alphabetics. Those characters not found on Baudot teleprinters are marked for special treatment in TABLE. This mark is setting bit 7 of the TABLE entry equal to one for special and equal to zero for normal treatment. With this coding it is easy to determine if a character must be translated to two letters or not.

Fig. 8. Flowchart for characters needing translation.

Eleven ASCII characters—; % * + < > @ ↑ ↓ ← →—are not printable on the typical Baudot teleprinter. These characters are specially translated by the SPEC routine into a sequence of characters. The % character, for example, is printed as .PT. All of these two-letter sequences are defined in a table called SPTAB in Fig. 5 and are referenced in the SPEC routine, flowcharted in Fig. 8.

Once a character code is ready to be printed on the TTY, the CHOUT routine (Fig. 9), which maintains the shift status of the teleprinter is called.

Before a letter or a figure character is to be printed, the mechanical shift position of the TTY must be adjusted if not already in the proper position. The current shift position is determined by checking the SHFT byte in memory. SHFT is set or reset every time a letter or figure shift is sent to the TTY.

If a character requires a figure-shifted carriage position, then its TABLE value will have bit 5 equal to one; otherwise, this bit will be zero. Therefore, by checking bit 5 of the character to be printed and also checking the SHFT byte, it is a relatively easy task to maintain the proper mechanical shift of the TTY. After checking and adjusting (if needed) the shift position, the PRINT routine is called.

The PRINT routine is the software UART that "serializes" the Baudot character to the TTY. The technique used has been discussed in several articles in the hobby arena. Fig. 10 represents a flowchart of the routine. Within the PRINT routine is a software delay that determines the speed of the TTY output. The delay is set by the constant value at location 7F93H or 32659D. For 100 wpm (words per minute) the value is 22 decimal. For other speeds the value must be changed. For 60 wpm try 37D; for 75 wpm try 29D.

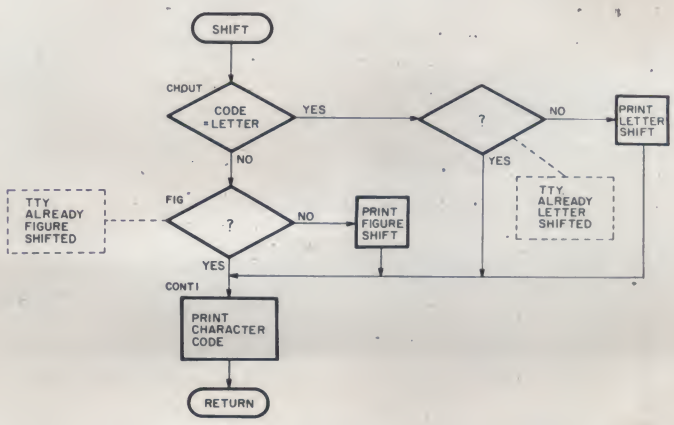

Fig. 9. Flowchart for maintaining shift position.

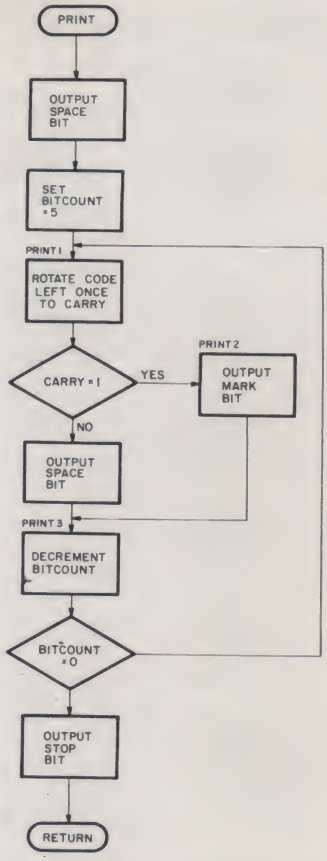

Fig. 10. Flowchart for software UART.

Interface Operation

First, assemble the interface from the schematic in Fig. 3 or 4. Check out the interface using the following routine from BASIC: 100 OUT255,1: GOTO 100. The routine will operate the relay of Fig. 3 and therefore open the current loop. If the relay does not operate, check out your wiring, then try substituting other transistors; it's possible that individual transistors may not have enough gain (if possible, choose the transistor with the lowest base-to-emitter-voltage drop with constant current input).

Second, create a tape that can be loaded by the SYSTEM command. The tape can be made using the Radio Shack T-BUG monitor and the M command. With T-BUG, modify the memory locations as shown in the software listing, check your work again using the M command and then save the result using the P command. The starting address is 7E9AH, the ending address is 7FFFH and the entry address is 7E9AH. Give the routine an appropriate name (such as TTY). The preceding method, although tedious, is entirely adequate.

Another method that can be used to create the tape is to use the editor-assembler and type in the software as in the listing. The advantage of this method is twofold: First, the routine can be relocated in memory by redefining the ORIGIN statements (appropriate, especially if you have only 4K of RAM); second, you can easily modify the routine to perform to your demands (different translation, etc.). Third, power up your system and answer the MEMORY SIZE? prompt with 32410. Type SYSTEM and, when the prompt appears, type the name of your saved routine (my routine is called TTY).

After the routine is loaded, type / and ENTER, and you will be back in BASIC, ready to go! Your teleprinter will now perform exactly as the Radio Shack line printer does, responding to the same commands as shown in the Level II manual. In addition to what is shown in the manual, you can also set the maximum line width by poking at location 16426(402AH) a decimal value for line width (the value is initially set at 72 by the LOAD routine of the interface driver).

This interface performs equally well with the Radio Shack disk-based system. The electrical interface remains the same; the software requires one minor modification. Change the HALT instruction at the end of the LOAD routine to a JP 402DH.

I have purposely left two bytes spare after the HALT so that this instruction can be inserted from T-BUG or poked from BASIC. In order to use it with the disk system, create a /CMD file on disk (such as TTY/CMD) using the TAPEDISK or DUMP utility commands (DOS version 2.1).

Before entering BASIC, simply type TTY and ENTER; the program will be entered into RAM and the DOS READY prompt will return to the screen. Enter BASIC and answer the MEMORY SIZE? prompt with 32410. The TTY will respond as described above.

Conclusion

In this article I have presented a low-cost, reliable means to connect a Baudot teleprinter to your Level II TRS-80 system. There are no known bugs in the interface, which I have used for several months.

If you feel that you cannot duplicate the program on tape, I can provide a tape of the program as described in this article for $6. For a slightly modified program (e.g., different origin, TTY speed, minor translation change) the price is $12. Send a money order to David G. Morr, 6599 Red Fox Rd., Reynoldsburg OH 43068.

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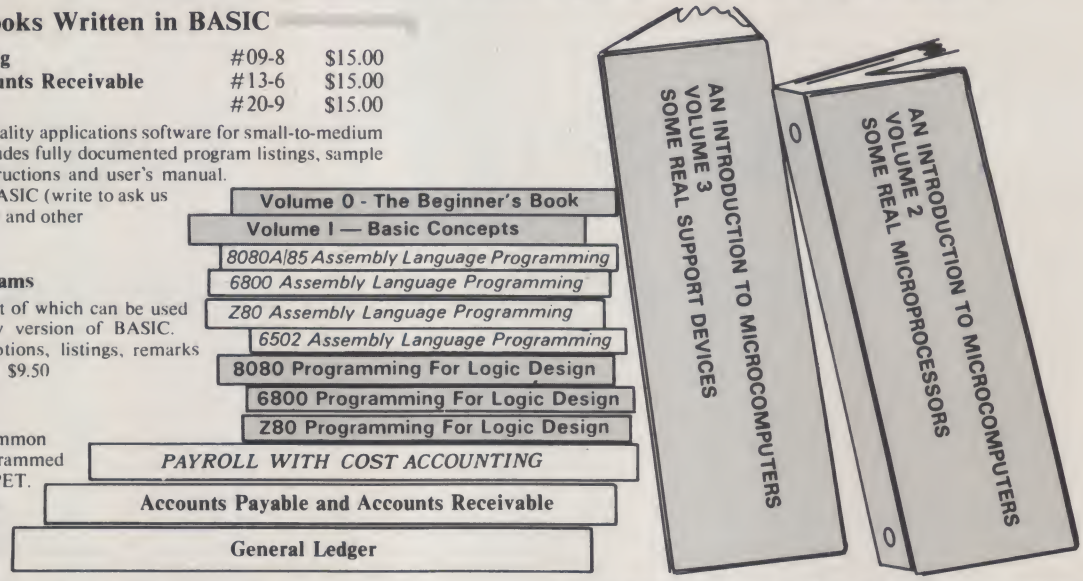

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MURPHY'S LAWS

and other observations

Things could be worse; given enough time, they will be.

Anyone who has had any contact at all with computers—building, repairing or programming them—knows Murphy's Laws. However, many people are unaware of the many other laws, rules and observations that have also turned up since the advent of machines and, later, computers.

The following series of observations have all been chosen because of their applicability to computerdom. I hope you enjoy reading them as much as I enjoyed finding them.

Preface. We, the willing, led by the unknowing, are doing the impossible for the ungrateful. We have done so much for so long with so little, we are now qualified to do anything with nothing.

Murphy's Laws. (1) If anything can go wrong, it will. (2) If there is a possibility of several things going wrong, the one that will cause the most damage will be the first one to go wrong. (3) If anything just cannot go wrong, it will anyway. (4) If you perceive that there are four possible ways in which something can go wrong, and circumvent these, then a fifth way, unprepared for, will promptly develop. (5) Left to themselves, things tend to go from bad to worse. (6) If everything seems to be going well, you have obviously overlooked something. (7) Nature always sides with the hidden flaw. (8) Mother Nature is a bitch.

O'Toole's Commentary on Murphy's Laws. Murphy was an optimist.

Ginsberg's Theorems. (1) You can't win. (2) You can't break even. (3) You can't even quit the game.

Forsyth's Second Corollary to Murphy's Laws. Just when you see the light at the end of the tunnel, the roof caves in.

Weiler's Law. Nothing is impossible for the man who doesn't have to do it himself.

The Laws of Computer Programming. (1) Any given program, when running, is obsolete. (2) Any given program costs more and takes longer each time it is run. (3) If a program is useful, it will have to be changed. (4) If a program is useless, it will have to be documented. (5) Any given program will expand to fill all the available memory. (6) The value of a program is inversely proportional to the weight of its output. (7) Program complexity grows until it exceeds the capability of the programmer who must maintain it.

Pierce's Law. In any computer system, the machine will always misinterpret, misconstrue, misprint or not evaluate any math or subroutines or fail to print any output on at least the first run through.

Corollary to Pierce's Law. When a compiler accepts a program without error on the first run, the program will not yield the desired output.

Addition to Murphy's Laws. In nature, nothing is ever right. Therefore, if everything is going right . . . something is wrong.

Brook's Law. If at first you don't succeed, transform your data set!

Grosch's Law. Computing power increases as the square of the cost.

Golub's Laws of Computerdom. (1) Fuzzy project objectives are used to avoid embarrassment of estimating the corresponding costs. (2) A carelessly planned project takes three times longer to complete than expected; a carefully planned project takes only twice as long. (3) The effort required to correct course increases geometrically with time. (4) Project teams detest weekly progress reporting because it so vividly manifests their lack of progress.

Osborn's Law. Variables won't; constants aren't.

Gilb's Laws of Unreliability. (1) Computers are unreliable, but humans are even more unreliable. (2) Any system that depends upon human reliability is unreliable. (3) Undetectable errors are infinite in variety, in contrast to detectable errors, which by definition are limited. (4) Investment in reliability will increase until it exceeds the probable cost of errors, or until someone insists on getting some useful work done.

Lubarsky's Law of Cybernetic Entomology. There's always one more bug.

Troutman's Postulate. Profanity is the one language understood by all programmers.

Weinberg's Second Law. If builders built buildings the way programmers wrote programs, then the first woodpecker that came along would destroy civilization.

Gumperson's Law. The probability of anything happening is in inverse ratio to its desirability.

Gummidge's Law. The amount of expertise varies in inverse ratio to the number of statements understood by the general public.

Zymurgy's First Law of Evolving System Dynamics. Once you open a can of worms, the only way to recan them is to use a larger can (old worms never die, they just worm their way into larger cans).

Harvard's Law, as Applied to Computers. Under the most rigorously controlled conditions of pressure, temperature, volume, humidity and other variables, the computer will do as it damn well pleases.

Sattinger's Law. It works bet-

ter if you plug it in.

Jenkinson's Law. It won't work.

Horner's Five-Thumb Postulate. Experience varies directly with equipment ruined.

Cheops' Law. Nothing ever gets built on schedule or within budget.

Rule of Accuracy. When working toward the solution of a problem, it always helps if you know the answer.

Zymurg's Seventh Exception to Murphy's Laws. When it rains, it pours.

Pudder's Laws. (1) Anything that begins well ends badly. (2) Anything that begins badly ends worse.

Westheimer's Rule. To estimate the time it takes to do a task: Estimate the time you think it should take, multiply by two and change the unit of measure to the next highest unit. Thus, we allocate two days for a one-hour task.

Stockmayer's Theorem. If it looks easy, it's tough. If it looks tough, it's damn near impossible.

Atwood's Corollary. No books are lost by lending except those you particularly wanted to keep.

Johnson's Third Law. If you miss one issue of any magazine, it will be the issue that contains the article, story or installment you were most anxious to read.

Corollary to Johnson's Third Law. All of your friends either missed it, lost it or threw it out.

Harper's Magazine Law. You never find the article until you replace it.

Brooke's Law. Adding manpower to a late software project makes it later.

Finagle's Fourth Law. Once a job is fouled up, anything done to improve it will only make it worse.

Featherkile's Rule. Whatever you did, that's what you planned.

Flap's Law. Any inanimate object, regardless of its position, configuration or purpose, may be expected to perform at any time in a totally unexpected manner for reasons that are either entirely obscure or else completely mysterious. ■

Thoughts on the SWTP Computer System

This fourth installment reviews four cassette interfaces for the 6800—and some software.

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This is the fourth in a series of articles on the SWTP 6800 computer system. This month we will review four cassette interfaces available for the SWTP system and some related software:

The SWTP AC-30 ($80 kit, made by Southwest Technical Products Corporation, 219 W. Rhapsody, San Antonio TX 78216).

The Percom CIS-30 + ($80 kit, $100 wired, made by Percom Data Company, Inc., 318 Barnes, Garland TX 75042).

The PCC ACI-30 ($60 wired, made by Personal Computing Company. I have been unable to find out the company's latest address, if any, but this unit may still be available through local computer stores).

The JPC TC-3 ($50 kit, JPC Products Co., PO Box 5615, Albuquerque NM 87185). For the rest of this review, I'll simply refer to them as the SWTP, Percom, PCC and JPC interfaces.

I own both the Percom and the PCC interfaces, and the JPC Products Co. was nice enough to lend me one of their interfaces for a few weeks of tests. Though I don't have the SWTP unit, I'm fairly well familiar with it.

Mechanical Details

The SWTP is a fairly large box—about 12 × 12 inches and 3 inches high—which has 17 switches, indicators and jacks on the front panel. The Percom is a smaller box—about 4 × 5 inches and 2 inches high—with three switches and an indicator on the front. The PCC is a PC board that plugs into an I/O slot inside the computer. It doesn't have any switches or indicators on the card, but one external switch and one indicator have to be mounted somewhere and connected to it; I have mounted mine on the computer's front panel. Finally, the JPC is also an I/O-size card that plugs into a slot in the motherboard, but this one has no controls at all.

Where They Fit into a System

The SWTP, PCC and Percom interfaces connect between the computer's serial interface and the control terminal. All computer output goes through the cassette interface and can be recorded on tape as well as fed to the terminal. For input, you can switch the cassette interface to accept data either from the keyboard or from the cassette. Since the cassette is on the same port as the terminal, any program that will work with the keyboard will also work with cassette.

The JPC is completely self-contained and doesn't work with a serial or parallel interface at all. Instead, it plugs directly into an I/O port on the motherboard. This makes it independent of the normal serial interface, but dependent on special software.

Power Connections

The SWTP interface has its own power supply, which has to be plugged into 110 volt power. The Percom interface receives its power through the connecting cable that goes to the computer's serial interface (a short jumper has to be added to the MP-C or MP-S card to bring + 5 volts to the I/O connector). The JPC is powered by the computer since it's plugged into an I/O slot.

The PCC interface also gets its power by being plugged into a computer I/O port. But power is the only plug-in benefit; all other connections are made through a short cable to the serial interface. If all of your ports are filled, then you can mount the PCC interface in some other way and provide separate power connections.

Recorder Connections and Motor Control

The SWTP interface has provisions for two separate cassette recorders connected at the same time. There are two sets of input and two sets of output jacks, and two switches select which recorder will record and which will read at any given time. This interface also has motor control circuits, which allow the computer to turn the motors in the two recorders on and off. In this way, a program can read data from one tape, process it and then record the changed data on a second tape. But the motor control circuits require an external pulse signal to drive them; this is normally obtained from an SWTP CT-1024 or CT-64 terminal. Without one of the SWTP terminals, you have to either build a separate control decoder or give up motor control altogether.

The Percom interface is designed for only one recorder, and so no switching is required to switch from one to the other. But its input and output plugs could be connected to two recorders, if desired. Motor control is an option, and there is space on the printed circuit board to mount the needed parts to control two recorders. The one used for playback is then controlled by the reader-control output of the MP-S or MP-C interface, so no external decoding is needed as with the SWTP interface. The second recorder would still have to be controlled by external signals, but in many applications one motor control may be enough so there is usually no need to connect to an SWTP terminal. (But from last month's discussion of MP-C and MP-S interfaces, you will remember that the reader control line may not operate just the way you want.)

The PCC and JPC interfaces are also designed for only one recorder, but their input and output audio leads can be connected to two. They have no motor control at all, but the JPC has PIA outputs that can be used for that purpose if you add an external switching circuit and use the right program.

I feel that motor control is a mixed blessing. With the motor off, inexpensive cassette recorders leave the capstan and pressure roller against the tape, causing a dent in the roller and a kink in the tape if left for a long time. This causes uneven tape speed and flutter. For

most programs, motor control is not needed. Even if it is, you have to add programming steps to provide a time delay before and after all data for the motor to come up to speed and then to stop again. Finally, motor control would be useful if the cassette recorder could also perform a rewind or fast forward operation under program control. But when you have to wind manually, you usually find that the computer wants to turn the motor off just when you need it on, and so you end up repeatedly plugging and unplugging the motor connector. In the long run, motor control is more of a pain than it's worth.

Data Formats and Baud Rates

All of the foregoing details are relatively unimportant in comparison with the data formats and baud rates that these units can operate at. Read this section carefully, since this is where the big differences are.

The SWTP is designed for 300 baud Kansas City (KC) operation. This is its primary mode, but there are two available programs that will allow operation at higher speeds. One is RADAR (RAM Dump And Restore), which will allow dumping and loading memory at 1200 baud (available from G. Trollope, 466 Caswallen Dr., West Chester PA 19380, at $20 for an object cassette and instructions). The second high-speed tape program is called WHIZ (available for $15.95 from Computerware Software Services, 830 First Street, Encinitas CA 92024). Although the SWTP will work with either an MP-C or MP-S interface at 300 baud, 1200 baud operation with RADAR is only possible with an MP-C.

The PCC interface is also designed for 300 baud Kansas City format tapes, but PCC supplies with it a memory dump and load program that works at 2400 baud if an MP-C interface is used; 300 baud can be used with both an MP-S and MP-C. (The PCC interface will also work at 1200 baud with RADAR if an MP-C interface is used; this is slower than 2400 baud, but the error correction of RADAR may make it worthwhile anyway.)

The Percom will work at 300, 600 or 1200 baud with either an MP-S or MP-C interface, but the MP-C interface causes some problems and is not really as effective. The Percom unit works with Kansas City tapes, and operation at 600 and 1200 baud is accomplished with hardware, rather than software. Thus this interface will work at these higher speeds even with unmodified programs. Although the other interfaces work at high speed with special software, the available programs are mostly for memory dumps. The Percom will also work with BASIC programs and data files and assembler source and object code.

The JPC unit is in a class by itself. It occupies a separate port and contains a minimum amount of hardware. The recording format is determined by the program. JPC supplies dump and load programs for 300 baud KC format, as well as 4800 baud operation. (You read it right—4800 baud!)

Now that we have a rough idea of how these four are related, let's look at them one by one.

The SWTP AC-30

With all its switches and indicators, the SWTP interface is the most impressive. (But because of all the switches, etc., it is also the hardest to build.) It is the only interface that connects to two recorders at the same time and allows switching of inputs and outputs without plugging and unplugging cables. It also provides adequate motor control (if used with an SWTP terminal). It was specifically designed for the KC tape format and does a nice job at it.

As originally designed, the SWTP unit was intended only for 300 baud. You are restricted to this rate if you are using it with an MP-S serial interface. However, if you are still using your MP-C control interface on port 1, then the RADAR program mentioned above will let you run at 1200 baud. The program works by removing some of the redundancy present in the KC tape format.

The program uses two cycles of 2400 Hz or one cycle of 1200 Hz for the binary 1 and 0 (instead of the eight and four cycles used by the normal KC standard). In this way, it packs four bits into the same time it normally holds only one bit. The program also compacts data into a shorter format than MIKBUG or SWTBUG, and so overall it works about nine times faster.

RADAR is unique in that it is one of the few small computer products that uses error correction. By providing a parity bit for each byte, and also a parity byte for each group of 64 bytes, RADAR has two different ways of detecting an error on the tape. If a single error occurs in the data, the two parity methods provide a cross-check against each other, and the loader program can determine which bit was wrong and fix it.

This does reduce the effective speed a bit, but it avoids the necessity of restarting the tape when an error occurs. All of the higher-speed tape methods described here require good tape recorders and quality tape, but at least RADAR will compensate for an occasional error.

The disadvantage of RADAR, as well as all other software speedup techniques, is that it requires special dump and load programs. This means that in order to load a high-speed tape you must first load in the high-speed loader (unless you put it into EPROM). This lengthens the total loading time by another 15 seconds or so.

The PCC ACI-33

In use, this interface stays out of sight—plugged into the I/O bus for power. It has two components which have to be mounted on the front panel or somewhere they are accessible. One is an LED, which indicates whether tape data is being received, and the second is a three-position switch. (Neither of these, by the way, is supplied.)

The switch has three positions—KEYBOARD, AUTO and TAPE—and is used to switch the serial input to the computer to either keyboard or tape. In the AUTO position, switching is done by the reader control line from the MP-C interface. (As mentioned last month, the MP-C reader control line works properly, but the MP-S reader control line is not handled right by SWTBUG and so no automatic switching occurs.) When you use the MP-C, the switch can be left in the AUTO position when you load programs with SWTBUG.

I recommend operating with an MP-C, since that allows you to dump and load programs at 2400 baud. Until you've been able to load BASIC in 50 seconds or so, you won't appreciate just how fast this is. (If you put the loader program into an EPROM, that time shrinks down to something like 35 seconds.)

Although the 2400 baud dump/load program is not supplied on cassette, there is a full assembly listing in the instruction manual. Hence it is easy to put this routine into a 2716 EPROM right on the CPU board. Otherwise, you must either read in the loader separately or put it at the start of each 2400 baud tape. As PCC supplies it, the dump/load program has the option of automatically putting the load/bootstrap program at the start of the tape, so that loading a 2400 baud tape is convenient.

Operation at 2400 baud is fairly reliable once you properly set up the components, but a good quality tape recorder and good tape are necessary. (I use Superscope C-103A recorder and Maxell LNC-46 tape. At about $1.25 each, this high-quality tape is a superb value.) Operation at 300 baud is excellent, and the PCC is able to read even low-quality tapes.

The Percom CIS-30+

This interface is an outboard box which connects to an MP-C or MP-S interface through a short cable. The Percom is a unique unit in that it achieves its high speed of up to 1200 baud strictly by hardware. No special programs are used, and

to the computer it looks exactly like a 300-baud interface.

The front of the Percom has three switches and one LED, which is used to indicate when tape data is being received. The left-most switch controls the speeds of either 300, 600 or 1200 baud. In use, the computer's serial interface is permanently wired for 1200 baud; this baud rate clock is sent to the Percom through the connecting cable and changed to 600 or 300 baud in the Percom by dividing it by 2 or 4. The selected baud rate clock is then used for tape data and also sent back to the ACIA or PIA on the serial interface. Thus the speed change is accomplished without having to change jumpers on the serial board.

There is one problem with this approach: The baud rate clock coming from the SWTP motherboard is insufficiently buffered; by the time it arrives at the Percom it can become distorted and noisy unless you use a short cable. In my system I used about four feet of twisted multi-conductor cable and found it necessary to install a 7404 buffer on my MP-S card to feed the clock line. Others have used shielded cable in this case. (This must be a problem with the SWTP interface as well, but perhaps the SWTP circuitry is more tolerant of bad clock signals.)

The center switch is labeled LINE and LOCAL. In the LINE position, the terminal input is connected to the output of the computer's serial interface and copies computer output. In the LOCAL position, it is fed directly by the tape. This is useful in monitoring tape signals when the CPU does not echo.

The right-hand switch is labeled AUTO and ON. In the ON position, computer input is taken from tape rather than from the keyboard. In the AUTO position, input comes either from the keyboard or from tape, as selected by the reader control line from the serial interface. (But note: The best way to use a Percom is with an MP-S interface, and, as mentioned last month, the MP-S does not provide reader control signals in normal operation. Hence the AUTO position will usually be keyboard input, with no switching done.)

At 300 baud, the Percom interface uses the standard KC format—eight cycles of 2400 Hz for a one and four cycles at 1200 Hz for a zero. At 600 baud only half that many cycles are used, and at 1200 baud only two cycles of 2400 Hz or one cycle of 1200 Hz is used.

To recover the clock from the tape, the Percom uses a phase locked loop (PLL). This allows operation at 1200 baud but causes some problems in reading tapes made with an MP-C interface. In the SWTP or PCC interfaces, clock regeneration is done by flip-flops and one-shots. If there is a gross change in tape speed, or if the characters on the tape are irregularly spaced, the clock may temporarily stop, only to restart a fraction of a clock time later. Hence the clock may be irregular, but since the computer's serial interface is tied to the clock, this causes no harm.

In the Percom, the clock regeneration is handled by a PLL, which will continue to run even in the absence of synchronizing data from the tape. If the sync data from the tape is irregular, this will cause the PLL to fall out of step and either gain or lose a few clock pulses before locking back on. This will cause errors. Moreover, at the start of data, the PLL needs a character or two to lock on before valid data starts arriving.

This problem comes up when reading tapes made with an MP-C interface. This is due to the irregular length of the stop bit at the end of a character, causing unevenly spaced characters. This is a fairly serious problem at 300 baud, but it becomes extremely noticeable at 1200 baud. Percom suggests some software patches to improve the output of the MP-C interface, but I think the only real solution is to use the Percom tape interface only with an MP-S.

Even then, the problem can come up if data was recorded at less than maximum speed. I mentioned this in Part 2 of this

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series when I discussed the fastypist tape format; I have not been able to read some fastypist tapes with my Percom.

The only other disadvantage of the Percom is that it will only work with EIA RS-232C terminals, not with current loop terminals.

But despite these problems, the Percom has one big advantage: It requires no special software. It can be used anywhere that a 300-baud interface will work, plus it will run four times as fast. Hence you can use it for SWTBUG/MIKBUG format loads and dumps, for loading BASIC source programs, for maintaining BASIC data files, for loading Cores source and object programs or for handling text files with the TSC Text Editor. All at 1200 baud, of course.

If you buy the Percom interface, spend a few dollars for a set of the technical memos that Percom puts out for it. They are interesting reading and give additional information, not only on the interface, but on other things as well.

Reliability with my Superscope recorder and Maxell tapes has been excellent at 1200 baud . . as good as 300 baud. 1200 baud tapes are also somewhat easier than 2400 or 4800 baud tapes to interchange between systems.

The JPC TC-3

As I mentioned before, the JPC unit is completely different. Its hardware, consisting of a PIA, one operational amplifier and some inverters, is simple. Two bits from port A of the PIA are used for tape input and output. Port B is not used for tape, and so ten inverters are provided for full buffering to provide a complete parallel output port with handshaking. This port can be used for motor control, driving a printer or any other purpose.

The conversion from digital data to audio for the tape is handled strictly by software. JPC supplies programs for both standard 300 baud KC operation, as well as dumping and loading memory at 4800 baud. Except for the fact that an audio recorder is used, operation at 4800 baud is really digital in nature. Bits are recorded as pulses.

In their literature, JPC presents an interesting argument. They point out that the KC format was designed for interchange of programs from machine to machine, not for use as primary storage. Their 4800 baud system, on the other hand, is intended for primary storage and not for interchange.

Not that interchange is not possible. JPC loaned me a unit complete with a Radio Shack SCT-12 stereo cassette deck (which costs about $80), which had been adapted for motor control. But I had no trouble reading their tapes on my Superscope recorder.

However, CPU speed is a factor that does affect the baud rate since timing is done by software. Since the new SWTP MP-A2 CPU board has an RC circuit controlling CPU clock speed, there is a large variation of clock speeds among systems. JPC recommends a simple program, whose running time can be used to measure CPU speed. Several constants are then changed in the software to adjust it to the exact baud rate.

In addition to the 300 baud and 4800 baud load and dump programs that JPC provides, they have other software available as well. One program is a cassette file manager called CFM/3 (selling for about $20). It provides for saving named files on cassette and loading and/or running them. It also provides automatic motor control and has several other commands useful in debugging programs. Here are some of its commands and functions:

SAVE is used for saving a program or data file from memory to tape. For example, the command

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SAVE,BASIC,0100,1DB0,0100
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would save the contents of locations 0100 through 1DB0 to tape, assign it the name BASIC and give it a starting address of 0100.

LOAD gets files back from tape. The above BASIC file

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would be loaded back with

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LOAD,BASIC
```

The JPC provides motor control, but obviously only for starting and stopping. Hence it would be up to the user to rewind the tape to a point before the file. As the tape is read, looking for the file, CFM/3 prints out the names of other files it passes.

The LOAD command can also load files into memory locations different from where they originated and will read the next file on the tape if no name is given.

RUN allows a file to be loaded and then immediately executed. An example would be RUN,BASIC.

DIR lists the title blocks of all files on the tape.

LIST is used to give a hexadecimal dump of memory contents.

ASCI is similar to LIST but prints memory contents in ASCII.

GOTO, followed by an address, executes a jump to a program.

MON returns to monitor.

POKE is used to enter data into memory from the keyboard without returning to the monitor to do it.

MOVE is used to copy memory contents from one place to another. For instance, the command

```
MOVE,0100,1DB0,6100
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would copy the contents of location 0100 though 1DB0 into locations 6100 through 7DB0.

FIND searches memory for a specified byte. It does the same thing as the F command in SWTBUG, but in a much more convenient way.

Another program available from JPC is a set of patches to SWTP 8K BASIC to allow saving programs at 4800 baud. The patched BASIC (a shade under 8K long) then interfaces to CFM3 (2K) to provide for saving and loading BASIC programs on 4800 baud tape. It has the following commands:

SAVE,name saves a BASIC program on tape and gives it a name.

LOAD,name loads a program back from tape, passing all programs on the tape until it reaches the one with the proper name. If no name is specified, the next program on the tape will be loaded.

DIRECT lists the directory of files on the tape.

As you can see, JPC has tried to make their 4800 baud tape system behave like a disk. Although it is not as fast as a mini disk, it is still fast enough to impress those of us who are used to 300 baud KC tapes. At 4800 baud, it loads about 480 bytes per second; this works out to 2 seconds per K, so an 8K BASIC interpreter will load in 16 seconds.

The CFM/3 Cassette File Manager is convenient and certainly takes much of the drudgery out of keeping a file of programs on tape. At 300 baud, I store just one program per cassette to avoid having to search for programs, but at 4800 baud the time required to go through a tape to search for the right one is not unreasonable.

The JPC has one disadvantage: Although it can read and write either 300 baud KC tapes or 4800 baud tapes, it needs a special program to do it. How do you load that? For this there are only three solutions: Put it in an EPROM, key it in by hand or use another tape interface to read it in from a 300 baud tape. For this reason you really need either an EPROM with the JPC programs in it (they are working on it) or another cassette interface. (Read on.)

But if you need a parallel output port—to run a printer, for instance—then the JPC gives you that port at no extra charge. Or maybe we can look at it the other way: The JPC gives you the parallel port for roughly the same price as an MP-LA parallel interface and then gives you the 4800 baud interface at no charge.

Either way, it is a fascinating product from a company new to the 6800 scene.

A Simple KC Read-Only Interface

If you don't have a standard KC tape interface—either because your system is disk oriented or because you have the JPC interface or because you just can't justify the cost—then perhaps you'll be interested in the interface in Fig. 1. You can build it for less than $5.

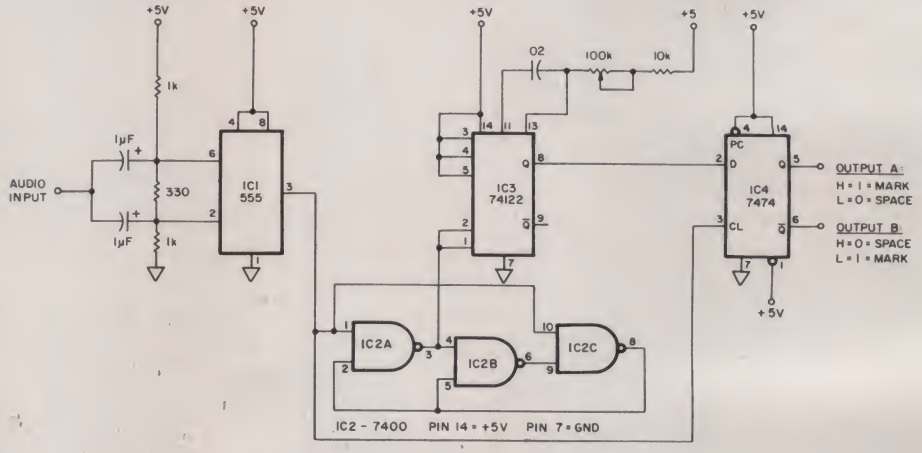

Fig. 1. A simple Kansas City tape interface (read only).

This is a read-only interface that takes several shortcuts to keep the price low. The major shortcut is the lack of clock-regeneration circuitry that all the good ones have.

The one big feature of the KC tape standard is that it is self-clocking. That is, the data is recorded on the tape in such a way that a fairly simple circuit in the read interface can recover the clock back out of it. This clock signal is then used by the computer in reading the data.

What this means is that if the tape speed is too high or too low, the recovered clock frequency will also be too high or too low. But it will be at the right speed in relation to the data, so that the computer will still be able to read the data correctly. If this weren't done, the computer would have to use its own internal clock, and so the data would be out of step with the clock. This would lead to errors.

But the presence of this clock-regenerating circuitry complicates the circuit, since we now have to do more work to process the tape signal and also have to provide switching between the tape clock and internal computer clock. Since its main purpose is to compensate for speed differences in cassette recorders, we can make do without it if we are sure that the speed is just right. We can do this by using the same recorder, both to initially record the tape and also to later read it back, and making sure that it has equally fresh batteries both times (or, better yet, running it from the ac power line at all times).

The circuit of Fig. 1 does just that—it recovers the data but not the clock. If the tape speed is correct, it will work well.

Let's look at the diagram to see how it works. The signal from the recorder is sent to two pins on a 555 timer. This is an unusual use for the 555, which acts as a comparator and amplifier in this circuit, but also provides hysteresis like a Schmitt trigger. Its purpose is

to provide a square-wave output from the tape signal at either 2400 or 1200 Hz, regardless of the distortion that may be present on the tape. It differs from a conventional Schmitt trigger IC such as a 7414 because changing the value of the 330 Ohm resistor allows us to change the triggering voltages and gain. In this case it provides better control.

The output of the 555 is a square wave that is sent both to the clock input of a 7474 type D flip-flop and to a strange circuit consisting of three NAND gates in a 7400. This circuit provides a narrow negative-going pulse whenever its input goes positive. It is like a differentiator, but I am using it because it is not much more expensive than the resistor and capacitor you'd need otherwise, and it works without loading down the output of the 555.

This negative pulse is sent to a 74122 retriggerable multivibrator—a circuit that provides a positive output pulse every time it is triggered by an input. The length of the output pulse is adjusted by the RC network connected to pins 11 and 13 so that, if the frequency of the incoming pulses is 1800 pulses per second, the length of the output pulses is such that each pulse ends just as the next one begins—in other words, the output is continuously high.

The result of this is that if the input frequency is less than 1800 Hz—1200 Hz, for instance—the output of the 74122 will have plenty of time to drop back to a low before the next pulse arrives, while if the frequency is higher than 1800 Hz—2400 Hz, for instance—the output will stay high all the time.

Every time the 555 timer provides an output pulse, the 7474 type D flip-flop is triggered via its clock line. If the output of IC3 is low at that point, indicating that the input frequency is 1200 Hz, the flip-flop will reset. But if the output of IC3 is high, indicating an input of 2400 Hz, the flip-flop will set.

Since 1200 Hz on the tape stands for a digital 0 and 2400 Hz for a digital 1, the flip-flop sets for a 1 and resets for a 0. Its output is then the digital data.

We can take the output from either output of IC4, depending on the polarity we need. For instance, the $\overline{Q}$ output of pin 6 can be connected directly to the EIA RS-232C input of either an MP-C or MP-S interface. Then all we have to do is add some switching to select between tape or keyboard.

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MUSKBD

MUSKBD is an easily implemented super music program for the SWTP 6800 system.

The program to be described is a much expanded version of the Micro Maestro program I wrote for the Motorola "D2" trainer in the January 1978 issue of *Kilobaud* ("Micro Maestro," p. 94). Despite the simplicity of that program, it generated considerable interest, giving me the incentive to write the following program.

MUSKBD was written for the SWTP MP-68 computer and *CT-64 terminal*. It turns the terminal keyboard into a three-octave organ keyboard. Music played on the "organ" is synthesized by the microprocessor, which means very little is required in the way of hardware support. In fact, all that is needed is a parallel board (MP-LA), three resistors and an audio amplifier.

Although this instrument is monotonic (only one note at a time), it has some features not found on real organs. One of these is the ability to memorize the tunes that are played on it and play them back instantaneously upon request. Along with this goes an editing feature that allows wrong notes to be deleted and another that, after any entry, echoes only the last ten notes played. This lets you check yourself as you go, without having to wait through the entire sequence.

The duration of each note is determined by the size of the note, which may be whole, half, quarter, eighth or sixteenth, and by the selected tempo, of which 15 are available. The space bar is used to form "rests," which are equal in duration to the selected note size.

The harmonic structure, or formant, is also selectable from the seven combinations of fundamental plus two subharmonics. These three square waves are mixed through 10k resistors and applied to the input of an audio amplifier. Both the note size and formant are automatically stored by the program as part of the music sequence.

Once you have programmed a tune that you would like to save to impress your friends with later, another command allows the code for the tune to be saved on cassette. To play back a tune so saved, you load MUSKBD, then load the tune code using MIKBUG or equivalent and type G.

So that people unfamiliar with this program may use it without instruction, the program provides prompts wherever appropriate. Once familiar with the commands, you may turn off these prompts. Upon initial entry to the program, each of the available commands is listed, and the user is prompted for initial note size, formant and tempo.

Also listed are the unused keys. If these keys are masked with a small piece of tape, the positions of the white and black keys become readily apparent. The keys are arranged in two tiers. The lower half of the keyboard starts with the Z key (low C) and the upper half with Q (middle F). The note-codes have been chosen based on the MP-68 clock frequency to produce frequencies that are compatible with other musical instruments, thus allowing you and your computer to become a duet!

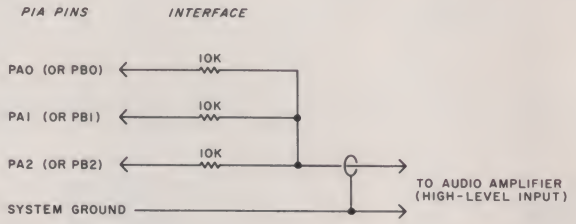

Fig. 1. Interface-to-parallel-port connections.

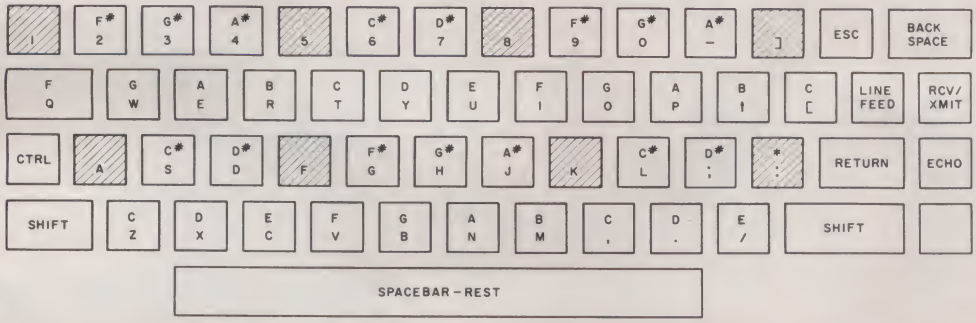

Fig. 2. Keyboard diagram shows how the CT-64 keyboard doubles as a three-octave organ keyboard.

Summary of Commands

1. To turn prompts on or off, type "*."

2. To change tempo, note size or formant, type "Return." If prompts are on, you will be asked for the parameter to be changed. After typing the specifying letter (T, S or F), the program will prompt with the available selections for that parameter, followed by what was last selected for it. If the prompts are off, only a character indicating the present value of a parameter and/or a question mark appears. This allows for faster programming, especially at lower baud rates.

The only thing that may not be obvious from the prompts is what the various characters that specify the formants stand for. F = fundamental, 1 = first subharmonic, 2 = second subharmonic, H = fundamental plus first subharmonic, L = fundamental plus second subharmonic, B = both subharmonics and A = all three.

3. To clear the tune buffer to start a new tune, type "Esc."

4. To recover from mistakes, type "Backspace." One note or "change" (size or formant) code will be deleted for each backspace typed.

5. To play the stored tune sequence, type "Line Feed." If an entry other than line feed directly precedes it, only the last ten notes entered are played back. To play the entire sequence, line feed must be typed again.

6. To store a tune sequence on tape (in coded form), type "$." A prompt tells you what to

I/O Port	'PIA' (side A)	'PIA' (side B)
0	$8000	$8002
1	—Control Port—	
2	$8008	$800A
3	$800C	$800E
4	$8010	$8012
5	$8014	$8016
6	$8018	$801A
7	$801C	$801E

Table 1. Program must reference address selected from this table (MP-68).

do and returns you to the monitor. Note that the prompt "... type 'E'" assumes your monitor to be SWTBUG. If you are using MIKBUG or some other monitor, store the program counter information in the usual way.

Adapting MUSKBD to Your System

Although written for the SWTP system, this program should be easily adaptable to other 6800-based systems and to other terminals. It has been assumed that the PIA is located at $8000. This corresponds to a parallel board at I/O slot #0 in the MP-68.

If you wish to change this address, you must change all program references to "PIA" and "PIA + 1" accordingly. If you have the −2 processor board, which uses the R-C-controlled clock chip, its frequency may need to be trimmed if compatibility with other instruments is desired. If this chip were modulated by a low-level 6 Hz sine wave, vibrato could be produced. This would add much to the fullness of the music.

If a terminal other than the CT-64 is to be used, some keys may need to be redefined. For example, a standard KSR 33 format has no backspace or "esc" keys. While control H will perform the backspace function, some other character or control character would need to be chosen for "esc" and the corresponding ASCII code substituted in the program (at $0135).

The note keys on a keyboard with KSR 33 format are in the same positions as those on the CT-64 except for the last three notes of the upper octave. These could be redefined but would probably not be missed. To allow changing note keys, I will briefly describe the note-code table.

The note-code required to produce a particular note is stored at the address corresponding to the ASCII value of the key that produces that note. For example, the Z key is used to produce low C. $76 is required to produce this frequency when counted down in the tone loop. The ASCII value of Z is $5A. Therefore, $76 is stored at address $5A.

I must add one further piece of information about the assembler directives appearing in the listing, for those who may not be familiar with them. FCB (Form Constant Byte) stores the specified byte of data at the location of the directive. If several bytes are specified, separated by commas, they are stored sequentially. FDB (Form Double Byte) does the same thing with double bytes of data. If commas are used without the data being specified, the data is assumed to be $00 or $0000.

FCC (Form Constant Character) causes the assembler to store the ASCII values of the text string that follows (between the delimiters). RMB (Reserve Memory Byte) simply tells the assembler that it should skip over the number of bytes specified, as they are to be used as temporary storage locations, or specified later. There are five bytes reserved at "Clscrn," $052A. Code that will cause your particular terminal to home-up and erase to end of page should be inserted here. The remaining bytes should be made nulls (00).

I mentioned these directives because I have used the "NOG" option of the assembler, which does not print out each byte of data to be stored at these locations in its object code field, thereby greatly reducing the length of the listing. To assist you in entering the note-code table and prompts, I have provided dumps of these in a more appropriate format.

This program is guaranteed to keep you entertained for hours (if you can keep the kids away) and may even get your wife involved! Someone who reads music should be able to easily program from sheet music, and then perhaps play accompaniment. Baroque selections should be ideal.

I would enjoy hearing your comments on this program, as well as any improvements you might come up with. The listing is well commented, so modifications should not be too difficult. Since I am not particularly musically inclined, if anyone wants to send me a cassette of code for their favorite masterpiece, I'll make a copy, return it and start a MUSKBD Music Library!

I have written a disk version of this program for the Smoke Signal Broadcasting BFD-68, which allows saving tunes as disk files. It also allows appending files (with different note sizes and formants if desired) to form longer tunes and medleys. A commented assembly listing is available by sending $4 (to cover duplication and handling) and an SASE to me. ■

Program listing.

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00010                          NAM    MUSKBD

00030                  * WRITTEN FOR THE SWTPC MP-68 AND CT-64
00040                  * BY TERRY PERDUE  2-78

00060                          OPT    NOG,O

00080                  * EXTERNAL EQUATES

00100       E0E3   MONITR EQU    $E0E3    RESIDENT MONITOR
00110       E07E   PDATA1 EQU    $E07E    STRING OUTPUT
00120       E1AC   INEEE  EQU    $E1AC    CHAR. INPUT
00130       E1D1   OUTEEE EQU    $E1D1    CHAR. OUTPUT
00140       8000   PIA    EQU    $8000    PORT ADDRESS

00160                  * NOTE-CODE TABLE

00180 0000 0000                FDB    ,,,
00190 0008 0000                FDB    ,,,
00200 0010 0000                FDB    ,,,
00210 0018 0000                FDB    ,,,
00220 0020 7F00                FDB    $7F00,,,
00230 0028 00                  FCB    ,,,,$3B,$10,$35,$2F
00240 0030 12                  FCB    $12,,$2A,$25,$21,,$1C,$19
00250 0038 00                  FCB    ,$14,,$32,,,,
00260 0040 00                  FCB    ,,$4F,$5E,$64,$23,,$54
00270 0048 4B                  FCB    $4B,$16,$42,,$38,$3F,$46,$13
00280 0050 11                  FCB    $11,$2C,$1F,$70,$1D,$17,$59,$27
00290 0058 6A                  FCB    $6A,$1A,$76,$E,,,$F,
00300 0060 0000                FDB    ,,,
00310 0068 0000                FDB    ,,,
00320 0070 0000                FDB    ,,,
00330 0078 0000                FDB    ,,,

00360                  * MAIN PROGRAM

00380 0080 CE 0540 INIT   LDX    #BUFFER  SET POINTER
00390 0083 FF 0536        STX    NOTPTR   TO TOP OF BUFFER
00400 0086 CE 052A        LDX    #CLSCRN
00410 0089 BD E07E        JSR    PDATA1   CLEAR THE SCREEN
00420 008C CE 03D3        LDX    #INTRO
00430 008F BD E07E        JSR    PDATA1   LIST AVAIL. COMMANDS
00440 0092 BD E1AC READY  JSR    INEEE
00450 0095 81 0D          CMP A  #$D      CR TO BEGIN
00460 0097 26 F9          BNE    READY
00470 0099 BD 0176        JSR    TEMPO    SET INIT. TEMPO,
00480 009C BD 01B8        JSR    NOTLNG   NOTE SIZE,
00490 009F BD 028C        JSR    FRMANT   & FORMANT
00500 00A2 CE 052A CONTRL LDX    #CLSCRN  CLR
00510 00A5 BD E07E        JSR    PDATA1   THE SCREEN
00520 00A8 BD E1AC        JSR    INEEE    GET COMMAND OR NOTE
00530 00AB 81 03          CMP A  #3       CONTROL C TO
00540 00AD 27 2F          BEQ    EXIT     RETURN TO MONITOR
00550 00AF 81 2A          CMP A  #'*      IF *,
00560 00B1 27 26          BEQ    PYESNO   TURN PROMPTS ON/OFF
00570 00B3 81 0A          CMP A  #$A      IF LINE FEED,
00580 00B5 27 03          BEQ    PLAY     PLAY THE TUNE
00590 00B7 7E 0134        JMP    NEW
00600 00BA 4F        PLAY CLR A           STORE 0 TO BUFFER
00610 00BB BD 0326        JSR    FILL     TO ID END OF TUNE
00620 00BE 7D 0534        TST    PFLAG    IF SET,
00630 00C1 26 1E          BNE    FRMTOP   PLAY FROM THE TOP
00640 00C3 73 0534        COM    PFLAG    IF CLR, LAST 10 NOTES
00650 00C6 FE 0536        LDX    NOTPTR   FIND LAST NOTE
00660 00C9 86 0C          LDA A  #$C      READY TO COUNT BACK
00670 00CB 8C 053F TENBAC CPX    #BUFFER-1  REACHED TOP?
00680 00CE 27 11          BEQ    FRMTOP   THEN PLAY IT ALL
00690 00D0 09             DEX             BACK UP
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00700 00D1 4A              DEC A          COUNT BACKUPS
00710 00D2 26 F7           BNE    TENBAC  BACK UP MORE
00720 00D4 FF 0536         STX    NOTPTR  DONE
00730 00D7 20 0E           BRA    SETFMT
00740 00D9 73 0533 PYESNO  COM    PROMPT  PROMPT ON<>OFF
00750 00DC 20 C4           BRA    CONTRL
00760 00DE 7E E0E3 EXIT    JMP    MONITR  OUT TO MONITOR
00770 00E1 CE 053F FRMTOP  LDX    #BUFFER-1  LOAD POINTER
00780 00E4 FF 0536         STX    NOTPTR  TO TOP
00790 00E7 7F 8001 SETFMT  CLR    PIA+1   SELECT
00800 00EA FE 0538         LDX    NOTFMT  HARMONIC
00810 00ED FF 8000         STX    PIA     STRUCTURE
00820 00F0 FE 0536 NUNOTE  LDX    NOTPTR  POINT TO
00830 00F3 08              INX            NEXT
00840 00F4 FF 0536         STX    NOTPTR  NOTE
00850 00F7 A6 00           LDA A  X       LOAD IT
00860 00F9 4D              TST A          IF END,
00870 00FA 27 A6           BEQ    CONTRL  RETURN
00880 00FC 85 80           BIT A  #$80    IF BIT 7 SET, CHANGE SOMETHIN
00890 00FE 27 06           BEQ    NOCHG
00900 0100 85 40           BIT A  #$40    IF BIT 6 SET,
00910 0102 27 20           BEQ    JSRFXS  CHANGE NOTE SIZE
00920 0104 20 19           BRA    JSRFXF  ELSE CHANGE FORMANT
00930 0106 81 7F   NOCHG   CMP A  #$7F    IF 7F,
00940 0108 27 1F           BEQ    REST    REST
00950 010A B7 0535         STA A  TEMP    HOLD NOTE-CODE
00960 010D FE 053B SETIME  LDX    TIMER   TIME PER NOTE
00970 0110 5C      TONLUP  INC B          TOGGLES OUTPUT WHEN STORED
00980 0111 B6 0535         LDA A  TEMP    GET NOTE-CODE
00990 0114 09      COUNT   DEX            HOLD TONE AWHILE
01000 0115 27 D0           BEQ    SETFMT  LONG ENUF?
01010 0117 4A              DEC A          COUNT DOWN
01020 0118 26 FA           BNE    COUNT   THE TONE
01030 011A F7 8000         STA B  PIA     TOGGLE OUTPUT
01040 011D 20 F1           BRA    TONLUP  TO PRODUCE TONE
01050 011F BD 0330 JSRFXF  JSR    FIXFMT  GO FIX FORMANT
01060 0122 20 C3           BRA    SETFMT  & CONTINUE
01070 0124 BD 0209 JSRFXS  JSR    FIXSIZ  GO FIX SIZE
01080 0127 20 C7           BRA    NUNOTE  & CONTINUE
01090 0129 7F 8001 REST    CLR    PIA+1   SHUT
01100 012C CE 0004         LDX    #4      OFF
01110 012F FF 8000         STX    PIA     OUTPUTS
01120 0132 20 D9           BRA    SETIME  & GO WAIT
01130 0134 81 1B   NEW     CMP A  #$1B    IF ESCAPE,
01140 0136 26 08           BNE    CHANGE
01150 0138 CE 0540         LDX    #BUFFER SET POINTER
01160 013B FF 0536         STX    NOTPTR  TO TOP OF BUFFER
01170 013E 20 33           BRA    JMPCTL  AND RETURN
01180 0140 81 0D   CHANGE  CMP A  #$D     IF CAR. RETURN,
01190 0142 27 03           BEQ    *+5
01200 0144 7E 022E         JMP    MISTAK
01210 0147 CE 052A         LDX    #CLSCRN
01220 014A BD E07E         JSR    PDATA1
01230 014D CE 04EF         LDX    #CHMENU
01240 0150 BD 02F5         JSR    PDATST
01250 0153 CE 038A         LDX    #QUEST
01260 0156 BD E07E         JSR    PDATA1
01270 0159 BD E1AC         JSR    INEEE
01280 015C 81 54           CMP A  #'T     GO CHANGE TEMPO
01290 015E 26 04           BNE    CHSIZE
01300 0160 8D 14           BSR    TEMPO
01310 0162 20 0F           BRA    JMPCTL
01320 0164 81 53   CHSIZE  CMP A  #'S     OR NOTE SIZE
01330 0166 26 04           BNE    CHFRMT
01340 0168 8D 4E           BSR    NOTLNG
01350 016A 20 07           BRA    JMPCTL
01360 016C 81 46   CHFRMT  CMP A  #'F     OR FORMANT
01370 016E 26 03           BNE    JMPCTL
01380 0170 BD 028C         JSR    FRMANT
01390 0173 7E 00A2 JMPCTL  JMP    CONTRL  THEN RETURN
01400 0176 CE 052A TEMPO   LDX    #CLSCRN
01410 0179 BD E07E         JSR    PDATA1
01420 017C CE 0336         LDX    #TMSG   CHANGE TEMPO-
01430 017F BD 02F5         JSR    PDATST  PROMPT WITH
01440 0182 CE 037A         LDX    #PRES   CHOICES
01450 0185 BD 02F5         JSR    PDATST  AND
01460 0188 B6 053D         LDA A  TASCII  PRESENT
01470 018B BD E1D1         JSR    OUTEEE  TEMPO
01480 018E CE 038A TINPUT  LDX    #QUEST
01490 0191 BD E07E         JSR    PDATA1
01500 0194 BD E1AC         JSR    INEEE   GET NEW TEMPO
01510 0197 85 F0           BIT A  #$F0    MUST BE
01520 0199 27 F3           BEQ    TINPUT  BETWEEN
01530 019B 85 B0           BIT A  #$B0    'A' AND
01540 019D 26 EF           BNE    TINPUT  'O'
01550 019F B7 053D         STA A  TASCII  SAVE ASCII TEMPO
01560 01A2 84 0F           AND A  #$F     MASK M.S. NIBBLE
01570 01A4 48              ASL A          MULT. BY
01580 01A5 48              ASL A          4
01590 01A6 B7 053B         STA A  TIMER   STORE PRODUCT
01600 01A9 B6 053A         LDA A  NOTSIZ  GET PRESENT NOTE SIZE
01610 01AC B7 0530         STA A  SIZTST  & SAVE IT
01620 01AF 86 04           LDA A  #4      MAKE IT A
01630 01B1 B7 053A         STA A  NOTSIZ  QUARTER NOTE
01640 01B4 BD 020E         JSR    CHKSIZ  GO FIX IF NECESSARY
01650 01B7 39              RTS
01660 01B8 CE 052A NOTLNG  LDX    #CLSCRN
01670 01BB BD E07E         JSR    PDATA1
01680 01BE CE 034A         LDX    #SMENU  CHANGE NOTE SIZE-
01690 01C1 BD 02F5         JSR    PDATST  PROMPT WITH
01700 01C4 CE 037A         LDX    #PRES   CHOICES
01710 01C7 BD 02F5         JSR    PDATST  AND
01720 01CA B6 053F         LDA A  SASCII  PRESENT
01730 01CD BD E1D1         JSR    OUTEEE  SIZE
01740 01D0 CE 038A SINPUT  LDX    #QUEST
01750 01D3 BD E07E         JSR    PDATA1
01760 01D6 BD E1AC         JSR    INEEE   GET NEW SIZE-
01770 01D9 16              TAB            RETAIN ASCII
01780 01DA 81 57           CMP A  #'W     IF WHOLE,
01790 01DC 26 04           BNE    HALF
01800 01DE 86 90           LDA A  #$90    LOAD CODE FOR WHOLE NOTE
01810 01E0 20 1E           BRA    NEWS    GO STORE IT
01820 01E2 81 48   HALF    CMP A  #'H     DITTO FOR OTHER NOTE SIZES
01830 01E4 26 04           BNE    QUART
01840 01E6 86 88           LDA A  #$88    NOTE THAT BIT 6 CLR WHILE
01850 01E8 20 16           BRA    NEWS    BIT 7 SET
01860 01EA 81 51   QUART   CMP A  #'Q
01870 01EC 26 04           BNE    EIGHTH
01880 01EE 86 84           LDA A  #$84    MEANS A SIZE CHANGE-
01890 01F0 20 0E           BRA    NEWS
01900 01F2 81 45   EIGHTH  CMP A  #'E
01910 01F4 26 04           BNE    SXTNTH
01920 01F6 86 82           LDA A  #$82    WHILE REMAINING BIT SET
01930 01F8 20 06           BRA    NEWS
01940 01FA 81 53   SXTNTH  CMP A  #'S
01950 01FC 26 D2           BNE    SINPUT
01960 01FE 86 81           LDA A  #$81    DETERMINES SIZE
01970 0200 F7 053F NEWS    STA B  SASCII  SAVE ASCII SIZE
01980 0203 BD 0326         JSR    FILL    STORE NEW SIZE CODE IN BUFFER
01990 0206 8D 01           BSR    FIXSIZ  & CHANGE SIZE NOW
02000 0208 39              RTS
02010 0209 84 1F   FIXSIZ  AND A  #$1F    LOOK AT SIZE-DETERMINING BITS
02020 020B B7 0530         STA A  SIZTST  SAVE FOR COMPARISON
02030 020E B6 053A CHKSIZ  LDA A  NOTSIZ  GET OLD SIZE
02040 0211 B1 0530         CMP A  SIZTST  SAME AS DESIRED?
02050 0214 27 17           BEQ    SFIXED  YES-DONE
02060 0216 0C              CLC
02070 0217 46              ROR A          NO-HALVE OLD SIZE
02080 0218 24 02           BCC    TIMADJ
02090 021A 8A 80           ORA A  #$80
02100 021C B7 053A TIMADJ  STA A  NOTSIZ
02110 021F B6 053B         LDA A  TIMER
02120 0222 0C              CLC
02130 0223 46              ROR A          AND OLD TIMER COUNT
02140 0224 24 02           BCC    RCHECK
02150 0226 8A 80           ORA A  #$80
02160 0228 B7 053B RCHECK  STA A  TIMER
02170 022B 20 E1           BRA    CHKSIZ  THEN CHECK AGAIN FOR MATCH
02180 022D 39      SFIXED  RTS
02190 022E 81 08   MISTAK  CMP A  #8      IF BACKSPACE,
02200 0230 26 12           BNE    SAVE
02210 0232 7F 0534         CLR    PFLAG
02220 0235 FE 0536         LDX    NOTPTR  & IF NOT AT
02230 0238 8C 0540         CPX    #BUFFER TOP OF BUFFER,
02240 023B 27 01           BEQ    STKBOT
02250 023D 09              DEX            DELETE LAST NOTE
02260 023E FF 0536 STKBOT  STX    NOTPTR
02270 0241 7E 00A2         JMP    CONTRL
02280 0244 81 24   SAVE    CMP A  #'$     IF 'SAVE' COMMAND,
02290 0246 26 21           BNE    STNOTE
02300 0248 CE 0536         LDX    #NOTPTR GET READY
02310 024B FF A002         STX    $A002   FOR A
02320 024E FE 0536         LDX    NOTPTR  MEMORY
02330 0251 FF A004         STX    $A004   DUMP
02340 0254 CE 00A2         LDX    #CONTRL TO
02350 0257 FF A048         STX    $A048   TAPE
02360 025A CE 052A         LDX    #CLSCRN
02370 025D BD E07E         JSR    PDATA1
02380 0260 CE 0390         LDX    #PMSG   GIVE
02390 0263 BD E07E         JSR    PDATA1  PROMPT,
02400 0266 7E E0E3         JMP    MONITR  AND EXIT
02410 0269 FE 0536 STNOTE  LDX    NOTPTR  IF THIS IS
02420 026C 8C 0540         CPX    #BUFFER FIRST NOTE,
02430 026F 26 12           BNE    JSRNIN
02440 0271 16              TAB            PRECEED IT WITH
02450 0272 B6 0538         LDA A  NOTFMT  INITIAL FORMANT
02460 0275 8A C0           ORA A  #$C0
02470 0277 BD 0326         JSR    FILL
02480 027A B6 053A         LDA A  NOTSIZ  & INITIAL NOTE SIZE
02490 027D 8A 80           ORA A  #$80
02500 027F BD 0326         JSR    FILL
02510 0282 17              TBA
02520 0283 7F 0534 JSRNIN  CLR    PFLAG   (TO PLAY ONLY 10 NOTES)
02530 0286 BD 02FE         JSR    NOTEIN
02540 0289 7E 00A2         JMP    CONTRL
02550 028C CE 052A FRMANT  LDX    #CLSCRN
02560 028F BD E07E         JSR    PDATA1
02570 0292 CE 0361         LDX    #FMENU  CHANGE FORMANT-
02580 0295 BD 02F5         JSR    PDATST  PROMPT WITH
02590 0298 CE 037A         LDX    #PRES   CHOICES
02600 029B BD 02F5         JSR    PDATST  AND
02610 029E B6 053E         LDA A  FASCII  PRESENT
02620 02A1 BD E1D1         JSR    OUTEEE  FORMANT
02630 02A4 CE 038A FINPUT  LDX    #QUEST
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02640 02A7 BD E07E          JSR    PDATA1
02650 02AA BD E1AC          JSR    INEEE     GET NEW FORMANT-
02660 02AD 16               TAB               RETAIN ASCII
02670 02AE 81 46            CMP A  #'F       IF FUND.,
02680 02B0 26 04            BNE    SUB1
02690 02B2 86 C1            LDA A  #$C1      LOAD CODE FOR FUND.
02700 02B4 20 2E            BRA    NEWF      GO STORE IT
02710 02B6 81 31    SUB1    CMP A  #'1       LIKEWISE FOR OTHER FORMANTS
02720 02B8 26 04            BNE    SUB2
02730 02BA 86 C2            LDA A  #$C2      NOTE THAT BIT 6 SET WHILE
02740 02BC 20 26            BRA    NEWF
02750 02BE 81 32    SUB2    CMP A  #'2
02760 02C0 26 04            BNE    FUNONE
02770 02C2 86 C4            LDA A  #$C4      BIT 7 SET
02780 02C4 20 1E            BRA    NEWF
02790 02C6 81 48    FUNONE  CMP A  #'H
02800 02C8 26 04            BNE    FUNTWO
02810 02CA 86 C3            LDA A  #$C3      MEANS A FORMANT CHANGE-
02820 02CC 20 16            BRA    NEWF
02830 02CE 81 4C    FUNTWO  CMP A  #'L
02840 02D0 26 04            BNE    TBOTH
02850 02D2 86 C5            LDA A  #$C5      WHILE OTHER BITS SET
02860 02D4 20 0E            BRA    NEWF
02870 02D6 81 42    TBOTH   CMP A  #'B
02880 02D8 26 04            BNE    TALL
02890 02DA 86 C6            LDA A  #$C6      DETERMINE THE
02900 02DC 20 06            BRA    NEWF
02910 02DE 81 41    TALL    CMP A  #'A
02920 02E0 26 C2            BNE    FINPUT
02930 02E2 86 C7            LDA A  #$C7      HARMONIC STRUCTURE
02940 02E4 F7 053E NEWF     STA B  FASCII    SAVE ASCII FORMANT
02950 02E7 8D 3D            BSR    FILL      STORE NEW FORMANT IN BUFFER
02960 02E9 8D 45            BSR    FIXFMT    & CHANGE FORMANT NOW
02970 02EB 7F 8001          CLR    PIA+1     SET UP PIA
02980 02EE FE 0538          LDX    NOTFMT    FOR REQUIRED
02990 02F1 FF 8000          STX    PIA       HARMONICS
03000 02F4 39               RTS
03010 02F5 F6 0533 PDATST   LDA B  PROMPT
03020 02F8 26 03            BNE    RTS
03030 02FA BD E07E          JSR    PDATA1
03040 02FD 39       RTS     RTS
03050 02FE B7 0532 NOTEIN   STA A  TABLE+1
03060 0301 FE 0531          LDX    TABLE
03070 0304 A6 00            LDA A  X         GET NOTE-CODE
03080 0306 81 00            CMP A  #0        MUST BE NON-ZERO
03090 0308 27 25            BEQ    INVAL
03100 030A 81 7F            CMP A  #$7F      IF 7F, THIS IS REST
03110 030C 27 18            BEQ    FILL
03120 030E FE 053B          LDX    TIMER     ELSE PLAY THE NOTE
03130 0311 B7 0535          STA A  TEMP
03140 0314 5C       TLOOP   INC B
03150 0315 B6 0535          LDA A  TEMP
03160 0318 09       TCOUNT  DEX
03170 0319 27 08            BEQ    PREFIL
03180 031B 4A               DEC A
03190 031C 26 FA            BNE    TCOUNT
03200 031E F7 8000          STA B  PIA
03210 0321 20 F1            BRA    TLOOP
03220 0323 B6 0535 PREFIL   LDA A  TEMP
03230 0326 FE 0536 FILL     LDX    NOTPTR    STORE NOTE IN BUFFER
03240 0329 A7 00            STA A  X
03250 032B 08               INX
03260 032C FF 0536          STX    NOTPTR
03270 032F 39       INVAL   RTS
03280 0330 84 1F    FIXFMT  AND A  #$1F      LOOK AT FORMANT-DETERM. BITS
03290 0332 B7 0538          STA A  NOTFMT    & AND STORE THEM
03300 0335 39               RTS

03320               * PROMPTS

03340 0336 54       TMSG    FCC    /TEMPO: 'A' TO 'O' -/
03350 0349 04               FCB    4
03360 034A 4E       SMENU   FCC    /NOTE SIZE: W H Q E S -/
03370 0360 04               FCB    4
03380 0361 46       FMENU   FCC    /FORMANT: F 1 2 H L B A -/
03390 0379 04               FCB    4
03400 037A 0D       PRES    FCB    $D,$A,$A,,
03410 037F 50               FCC    /PRESENTLY /
03420 0389 04               FCB    4
03430 038A 0D0A     QUEST   FDB    $0D0A,$0A3F,$2004
03440 0390 54       PMSG    FCC    /TURN ON RECORDER AND TYPE 'P'./
03450 03AE 0D0A             FDB    $0D0A,
03460 03B2 57               FCC    /WHEN DUMP IS COMPLETE, TYPE 'E'./
03470 03D2 04               FCB    4
03480 03D3 2A       INTRO   FCC    /*** MUSKBD ***/
03490 03E1 0D               FCB    $D,$A,$A,,
03500 03E6 43               FCC    /COMMAND MENU:/
03510 03F3 0D               FCB    $D,$A,$A,,
03520 03F8 24               FCC    /$ = SAVE/
03530 0400 0D0A             FDB    $0D0A,
03540 0404 53               FCC    /SPACE = REST/
03550 0410 0D0A             FDB    $0D0A,
03560 0414 4C               FCC    /LINE FEED = PLAY/
03570 0424 0D0A             FDB    $0D0A,
03580 0428 2A               FCC    !* = PROMPT ON / OFF!
03590 043B 0D0A             FDB    $0D0A,
03600 043F 42               FCC    /BACKSPACE = DELETE LAST ENTRY/
03610 045C 0D0A             FDB    $0D0A,
03620 0460 45               FCC    /ESC = CLEAR BUFFER FOR NEW TUNE/
03630 047F 0D0A             FDB    $0D0A,
03640 0483 52               FCC    !RETURN = CHANGE: TEMPO / NOTE SIZE /
03650 04AF 0D               FCB    $D,$A,$A,,
03660 04B4 55               FCC    /UNUSED KEYS: 1 5 8 J A F K :/
03670 04D0 0D               FCB    $D,$A,$A,,
03680 04D5 2A               FCC    /* HIT 'RETURN' TO START */
03690 04EE 04               FCB    4
03700 04EF 43       CHMENU  FCC    /CHANGE MENU:/
03710 04FB 0D               FCB    $D,$A,$A,,
03720 0500 54               FCC    /T = TEMPO/
03730 0509 0D0A             FDB    $0D0A,
03740 050D 46               FCC    /F = FORMANT/
03750 0518 0D0A             FDB    $0D0A,
03760 051C 53               FCC    /S = NOTE SIZE/
03770 0529 04               FCB    4

03790               * CNTRL CHAR.S TO HOMEUP,CLR PAGE,OUT NULLS

03810 052A 0005     CLSCRN  RMB    5
03820 052F 04               FCB    4

03840               * USED BY PROGRAM

03860 0530 0001     SIZTST  RMB    1
03870 0531 0000     TABLE   FDB    0
03880 0533 00       PROMPT  FCB    0
03890 0534 01       PFLAG   FCB    1
03900 0535 0001     TEMP    RMB    1
03910               * --- SAVED WITH TUNE ---
03920 0536 0002     NOTPTR  RMB    2
03930 0538 0104     NOTFMT  FDB    $0104
03940 053A 04       NOTSIZ  FCB    4
03950 053B 1000     TIMER   FDB    $1000
03960 053D 44       TASCII  FCB    'D
03970 053E 46       FASCII  FCB    'F
03980 053F 51       SASCII  FCB    'Q
03990       0540    BUFFER  EQU    *        TUNE BUFFER STARTS HERE

04010 A048                  ORG    $A048
04020 A048 0080             FDB    INIT
04030                       END

TOTAL ERRORS 00000
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0030 12 00 2A 25 21 00 1C 19 00 14 00 32 00 00 00 00
0040 00 00 4F 5E 64 23 00 54 4B 16 42 00 38 3F 46 13
0050 11 2C 1F 70 1B 17 59 27 6A 1A 76 0E 00 00 0F 00
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Note-code table dump.

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0360 04 46 4F 52 4D 41 4E 54 3A 20 46 20 31 20 32 20
0370 48 20 4C 20 42 20 41 20 2D 04 0D 0A 0A 00 00 50
0380 52 45 53 45 4E 54 4C 59 20 04 0D 0A 0A 3F 20 04
0390 54 55 52 4E 20 4F 4E 20 52 45 43 4F 52 44 45 52
03A0 20 41 4E 44 20 54 59 50 45 20 27 50 27 2E 0D 0A
03B0 00 00 57 48 45 4E 20 44 55 4D 50 20 49 53 20 43
03C0 4F 4D 50 4C 45 54 45 2C 20 54 59 50 45 20 27 45
03D0 27 2E 04 2A 2A 2A 20 4B 55 53 4B 42 44 20 2A 2A
03E0 2A 0D 0A 0A 00 00 43 4F 4D 4D 41 4E 44 20 4D 45
03F0 4E 55 3A 0D 0A 0A 00 00 24 20 3D 20 53 41 56 45
0400 0D 0A 00 00 53 50 41 43 45 20 3D 20 52 45 53 54
0410 0D 0A 00 00 4C 49 4E 45 20 46 45 45 44 20 3D 20
0420 50 4C 41 59 0D 0A 00 00 2A 20 3D 20 50 52 4F 4D
0430 50 54 20 4F 4E 20 2F 20 4F 46 46 0D 0A 00 00 42
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0450 45 20 4C 41 53 54 20 45 4E 54 52 59 0D 0A 00 00
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0470 45 52 20 46 4F 52 20 4E 45 57 20 54 55 4E 45 0D
0480 0A 00 00 52 45 54 55 52 4E 20 3D 20 43 48 41 4E
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04B0 0A 0A 00 00 55 4E 55 53 45 44 20 4B 45 59 53 3A
04C0 20 31 20 35 20 38 20 5D 20 41 20 46 20 4B 20 3A
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0520 4E 4F 54 45 20 53 49 5A 45 04 10 16 00 00 00 04
0530 04 00 00 00 01 27 05 40 01 04 04 10 00 44 46 51
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Prompt dump.

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E-x-t-e-n-d Your Micro

Having the proper tools always makes any job much easier. The Mullen Extender Board—with built-in logic probe—looks like it should be just the thing for troubleshooting.

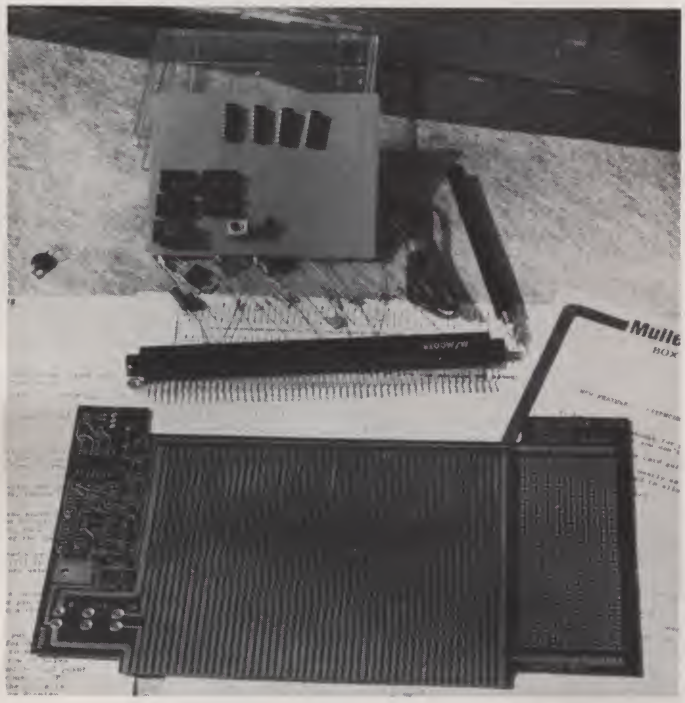
I have read many product reports and have made purchase-choice decisions based on what I read—with about a .500 satisfaction quotient. Each product report should include a brief background of the writer. An "expert" too often tends to be either overly critical or brushes over minor problems that can really stump us average guys.

My Background

I have been a ham for 25+ years. I teach high-school math, but my college major and graduate studies have been in the field of psychology. My hardware (electronic, not computer) experience is quite extensive, but I still have much to learn about digital circuits.

Several months ago I decided that I really needed an extender board for troubleshooting. Having read several articles on how to make your own printed circuits, I got a double-sided, copper-clad board and cut it to size. Then I began to draw the lines for the lands. Have you ever tried to draw 50 parallel, even-width lines with .125 inch spacing center-to-center with one of those fiber-tipped pens?

I was on about the 30th or so line when my January 1978 copy of *Kilobaud* arrived, and I took time out to see what was new. There in the New Products section was a heading, "Extender Board with Built-in Logic Probe." Within minutes my fiber-tipped pen, drawing board and T square were back in the garage (that's where I store everything except my car) and my check for $35 (the kit now costs $39) was in an envelope addressed to Mullen Computer Boards, PO Box 6214, Hayward CA 94545. It took a little over three weeks for my personal check to clear and for the kit to arrive.



The kit: before.

The Kit

I was favorably impressed with the packaging and the appearance. Small parts were packed in a clear plastic box; the PC board and edge connector were wrapped separately in poly bags; and eleven pages of assembly instructions, schematic for the logic probe and parts placement diagram were packed flat. Also included were two sets of edge-connector labels—one with voltage lands and pin-number identification only, the other with the "standard" Altair (S-100) bus labels. I was especially impressed with the appearance of the PC board—silver lands with gold-plated fingers on a satin black background—jewelry quality!

Initial Assembly. I began by taking pictures of the unassembled kit with the idea of writing this article. Assembly was direct, with no problems.

Checkout. After checking the logic probe, I was even more impressed with this Mullen product. It is such a logical combination that I only wonder why no one had it on the market a couple of years ago!

I had received a tentative OK from *Kilobaud* for this review article and was only waiting for my pictures to be finished and enlarged. When I received them every one had a light streak from a stuck shutter!

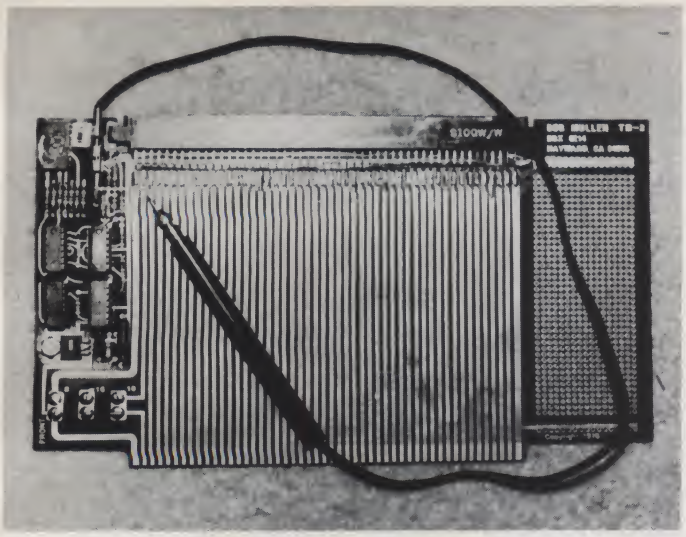
I got on the phone to Mullen to ask for a photo of their kit and of the finished board and explained why I wanted them. Keith Britton told me that the version I had was already obsolete and that the new version would be ready for shipment in a few more days. But he also said that he would try to locate and furnish me with photos of my version.

A few days later I received a phone call from Keith saying that no photos were available, but that he would furnish me with a preliminary kit of the new version. Before the end of the week the new kit had arrived.

The New Kit

The new version of the kit is packaged just as impressively as the original. Preliminary assembly instructions read as follows:

1. Rip open the package.
2. Assemble.



The board: ready to go.

3. Use.

Assembly. Soldering the 100 connections of the socket to the lands is an onerous job; however, it is made easy by the form of the pins, which have been pre-bent so there is a pressure fit to start with. The printed circuit for the logic probe is not too crowded and went together with no solder bridges the first time. Parts placement seems logical and well engineered.

Checkout. No problems at all. The logic display is a seven-segment type mounted at the upper left of the board: H for high (above 2.25 V), L for low (below 0.8 V), P for pulse (transition from High to Low logic) and O for open or neutral Tri-state. The P for pulse holds on for about .3 of a second, but there is a switch for a pulse holder when you are looking for a rarely occurring pulse that might be missed during a blink of the eyes.

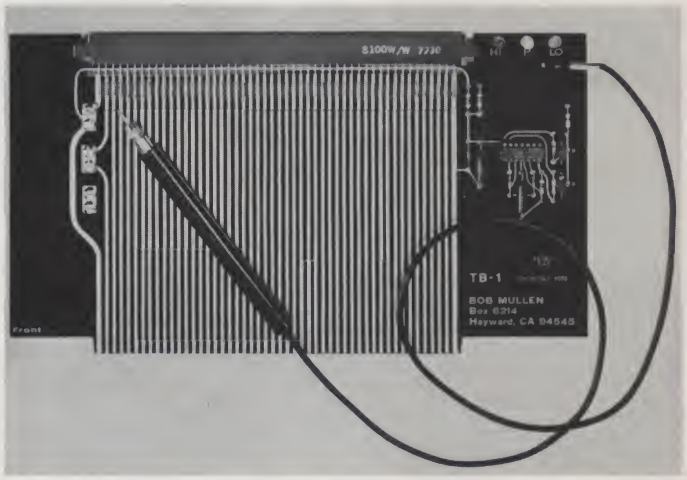
The decimal point also lights with the H. It is possible to get an idea of the duty cycle by watching the brightness of the point. If P is lighted and the decimal point is bright, the circuit under test is Hi pulsing Lo. If the P is lighted and the decimal point is not, then the circuit is Lo pulsing Hi. If the decimal point is medium brightness, Hi-Lo cycles are about equal. It won't replace an oscilloscope, but it is better than a wild guess.

The +8, +16 and −16 volt lines (1, 51, 2 and 52) have jumper links so you can fuse a line with a fine wire while troubleshooting a new board. (Eight volts at 15 or 20 Amps will create a lot of heat across a short! I had one that literally boiled away the copper land without blowing the fuse in the power supply.) The links may also be replaced with an ammeter for current measurement or with switches so that power can be cut on the board under test and removed from the circuit without shutting down the entire computer. (Bob Mullen *strongly* recommends against this!)

On the right side of the board are 765 plated-through holes for user-designed circuits. The two top rows are regulated +5 V and the bottom two are tied to ground. My first use for this area will be to add a row of red, amber and green LEDs at the top of the board for High, Pulse and Low using the circuit that Mullen's original board used. I think I can catch the colored LEDs a little easier with peripheral vision than by trying to read the H, L, P, O of the seven-segment readout.

Conclusion

Everyone who builds kits or original boards for the S-100 bus needs an extender board and a logic probe. This is a fine combination. I only wish I had had mine two years ago. ■



The board: original version.

✓ *Reader Service—see page 179*

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The BASIC BASIC Renumberer

This H8 owner overcame a renumbering deficiency. You, too, can benefit from his efforts.

My first disappointment with the Heathkit H8 came when I found out that the Extended Cassette BASIC had no provision for renumbering BASIC programs. My second disappointment came when I added the H17 Extended Disk BASIC and there was still no provision for renumbering BASIC files. I understand that some other BASICs also have this deficiency.

If you've ever had to insert 20 statements in the middle of 20 consecutively numbered statements, you are aware of the inconvenience of not having the renumbering capability. And I'm sure we've all copied printed programs from articles and experienced the frustration of having to continuously shift in and out of BASIC's automatic numbering function. You may also have noticed a greater degree of difficulty in reading and debugging an inconsistently numbered program.

I wrote this utility program to fill my software gap, and it was used to renumber itself for your and my convenience. You will find it unusual in that it is a BASIC program whose input and output is another BASIC program. It is also unlike many programs in that it is predominantly a string manipulation program with little mathematics.

Program Processing

The Renumberer makes three separate passes through the BASIC file being renumbered: pass 1 (lines 10-520), pass 2 (lines 530-810) and pass 3 (lines 820-1340).

On pass 1 a cross-reference table is initialized in the string variable S$(1-5). On this pass the source file is scanned for references to internal line numbers (i.e., 'THEN xxx', 'GOTO xxx', etc.). Each unique line number reference it finds is expanded to five digits and added to the cross-reference table. (Although a given line number may be referenced from many different locations, there will be only one "unique" line number entry for that line in the cross-reference table.) At the end of pass 1, each entry in the table is stored as: "old line #\blanks" (e.g., 00032\ ).

Pass 2 replaces the source file line numbers with the desired renumber sequence. As each line number is replaced, the cross-reference table is searched for an entry for the old line number. If an entry is found, the last five bytes of the entry are then filled with the new resequenced line number. After each source line is renumbered, it is written to a temporary work file. At the end of pass 2, each entry in the cross-reference table looks as follows: "old line #\new line #" (e.g., 00032\00050).

Pass 3 reads the resequenced source file created by the second pass from the temporary work file. On this pass all line number references are replaced by the resequenced line number as it is assigned in the cross-reference table. As each line is completed it is written back into the original source program file.

This three-pass approach results in a relatively slow running program. However, since only one line of code needs to be in memory at one time, the number of lines in the source program to be renumbered is unimportant. The only constraining factor is the number of unique line number references to be replaced.

The Renumberer is currently set up with a 1265-byte cross-reference table (array S$(1-5), as mentioned above), which will hold 115 unique line number entries. This will probably be large enough to handle any program even an enthusiastic programmer is likely to write. (For example, the DOCUFORM program (*Kilobaud*, August 1978, p. 22) contains over 400 lines of code, over 200 line number references, but only slightly more than 100 "unique" line number references, and so would not overflow the five-member S$ cross-reference array.) If, however, you get carried away, simply increase the DIMension of S$ by changing the variable D5 in line 90.

Program Structure

My current system has 16K of RAM. When you subtract the area required for the Extended Disk BASIC, the RAM required by the system monitor and the user RAM required by the disk operating system, less than 3 1/2K of core remains for program use. Of this, the cross-reference table will require at least 1265 bytes.

Therefore, the Renumberer has been broken into 3K or smaller modules by writing each of the three passes as a separate program. By using the CHAINing facility of the H8 Disk BASIC, the three passes execute sequentially; pass 2

Program listing.

```
TYPE RENUMBAS.BAS
00010 REM  *** BASIC BASIC-RENUMBERER ***
00020 REM WRITTEN BY ADRIAN THORNTON, JULY, 1978
00030 REM
00040 LINE INPUT "INPUT FILE ?  ";A1$
00050 OPEN A1$ FOR READ AS FILE #1
00060 A2$="SY1:RENUMFL.WRK"
00070 OPEN A2$ FOR WRITE AS FILE #2:CLOSE #2
00080 INPUT "ENTER RESEQ 'BEG,INCR':  ";B9,I9:B8=B9
00090 C5=6:D5=5:DIM C$(C5),S$(D5)
00100 C$(1)=" THEN ON ":C$(2)=" THEN GOSUB ":C$(3)=" THEN GOTO ":C$(4)=" THEN "
00110 C$(5)="GOTO ":C$(6)="GOSUB ":Z$="00000":J=1:L9$="<LAST"+"LINE>"
00120 REM
00130 REM
00140 REM PASS #1  --BUILD LINE # REFERENCE TABLE--
00150 REM
00160 PRINT "BEGIN PASS #1"
00170 LINE INPUT #1,;1$:I1=6
00180 REM LOOK FOR MULTI-STMT SEPERATOR (:), AND CHECK FOR REM TYPE STMTS
00190 N$="":I2=MATCH(I$,":",I1+1):IF MID$(I$,I1+1,4)="REM " THEN 410
00200 REM LOOK FOR FIRST KEYWORD STRING
00210 X=999
00220 FOR K=1 TO C5:C1$=C$(K):Y=MATCH(I$,C1$,I1):IF Y<>0 AND Y<X THEN X=Y:C$=C1$
00230 NEXT K:IF X=999 THEN 380
00240 IF I2<>0 AND X>I2 THEN 380
00250 REM CHECK FOR SPECIAL 'THEN ON' CASE
00260 IF C$<>C$(1) THEN 290
00270 FOR X=X+LEN(C$) TO X+25:FOR K=5 TO 6:IF MID$(I$,X,LEN(C$(K)))=C$(K) THEN C$=C$(K):GOTO 290
```

overlays the core used by pass 1, and pass 3 overlays pass 2.

This core-hoarding is done, of course, at the expense of a lot of disk I/O overhead. If you do not have the CHAINing facility with your BASIC and/or have a sufficient amount of memory (at least 5K free for user program), you can copy the three separate modules as one continuous program by making the following modifications:

DELETE/ 420-520
CHANGE/ 290 GOSUB 1260
DELETE/ 800-810

Details, Details

Note that a remark statement with the character string "<LASTLINE>" in it must be the last line in a source program file to be renumbered. The Renumberer uses this identifier to detect the last line of the source program for end-of-file processing.

BASIC files read from disk by the H8 are in a noncompressed, source-image format. In other words, the BASIC line you keyed in is the same line you'll see when it is read from the file.

Not all BASICs store programs in this manner. For example, the H8 Cassette BASIC stores its program in a secret format of hieroglyphics with no *information* to decode it. If your BASIC does this, you'll have to forget about renumbering it and be content with the knowledge that the secret code requires less space to store.

If, however, your BASIC only compresses blanks out of the source, the Renumberer can be modified for your needs. The array C$(x) contains the line number reference keywords. These are the character strings it uses to find line number references (e.g., 'GOTO', 'GOSUB', etc.).

The C$(x) strings currently contain leading and trailing blanks per H8 BASIC standards. If blanks are compressed from your source keywords, simply change the C$ variables to correspond to the strings you will need to be looking for.

If your BASIC has additional keywords (e.g., 'ELSE'), then increase the DIMension of C$(x) in line 90 by redefining C5 and

```
00280 NEXT K:NEXT X
00290 GOSUB 450
00300 IF LEN(N$)<>6 THEN 380
00310 IF LEN(S$(J))>=253 THEN J=J+1:IF J>D5 THEN PRINT 'S$ TOO SMALL-INCREASE D5':CLOSE #1:END
00320 REM IF LINE # NOT IN TABLE, ADD IT
00330 FOR K=1 TO J:IF MATCH(S$(K),N$,1)<>0 THEN 370
00340 NEXT K
00350 S$(J)=S$(J)+N$+"      "
00360 REM CHECK FOR COMPOUND BRANCH
00370 IF A$="," THEN I1=R+1:X=I1:C$="":N$="":GOTO 290
00380 IF I2<>0 THEN I1=I2:GOTO 190
00390 GOTO 170
00400 REM CHECK FOR 'LASTLINE' INDICATOR
00410 IF MATCH(I$,L9$,I1+1)=0 THEN 380
00420 CHAIN "RENUMBS2.BAS"
00430 REM
00440 REM KEYWORD HAS BEEN FOUND.  EXPAND FOLLOWING LINE #, IF ANY, TO 5 DIGITS
00450 FOR Q=X+LEN(C$) TO LEN(I$):IF MID$(I$,Q,1)<>" " THEN 470
00460 NEXT Q:GOTO 510
00470 FOR R=Q TO LEN(I$):A$=MID$(I$,R,1):IF A$=" " OR A$="," OR A$=":" THEN 500
00480 IF A$<"0" OR A$>"9" THEN 510
00490 N$=N$+A$:NEXT R
00500 N$=LEFT$(Z$,5-LEN(N$))+N$+"/"
00510 RETURN
00520 REM <LASTLINE>
>


 TYPE RENUMBS2.BAS
00530 REM MODULE 2 --- BASIC, BASIC-RENUMBERER
00540 REM
00550 REM PASS #2  --RENUMBER LINES & COMPLETE REF TABLE--
00560 REM
00570 PRINT "BEGIN PASS #2"
00580 CLOSE #1
00590 OPEN A1$ FOR READ AS FILE #1
00600 OPEN A2$ FOR WRITE AS FILE #2
00610 REM READ LINE AND SAVE LINE #
00620 LINE INPUT #1,;I$:L1$=LEFT$(I$,5)+"/"
00630 REM BUILD REPLACEMENT LINE #
00640 B9$=MID$(STR$(B9),2,LEN(STR$(B9))-2)
00650 REM LOOK FOR OLD LINE # IN C.R. TABLE
00660 FOR K=1 TO J:X=MATCH(S$(K),L1$,1):IF X<>0 THEN 690
00670 NEXT K:GOTO 710
00680 REM STUFF NEW LINE # AFTER CORRESPONDING OLD LINE #
00690 S$(K)=LEFT$(S$(K),X+5)+LEFT$(Z$,5-LEN(B9$))+B9$+RIGHT$(S$(K),LEN(S$(K))-X-10)
00700 REM RENUMBER CURRENT LINE AND WRITE IT TO WORK FILE
00710 I$=LEFT$(Z$,5-LEN(B9$))+B9$+RIGHT$(I$,LEN(I$)-5)
00720 PRINT #2,I$
00730 REM CHECK FOR 'LASTLINE' INDICATOR
00740 IF MATCH(I$,L9$,10)<>0 THEN 770
00750 B9=B9+I9:GOTO 620
00760 REM
00770 CLOSE #1,#2:B9=B8
00780 OPEN A2$ FOR READ AS FILE #1
00790 OPEN A1$ FOR WRITE AS FILE #2:CLOSE #2:OPEN A1$ FOR WRITE AS FILE #2
00800 CHAIN "RENUMBS3.BAS"
00810 REM <LASTLINE>
>


 TYPE RENUMBS3.BAS
00820 REM MODULE 3 --- BASIC, BASIC-RENUMBERER
00830 REM
00840 REM PASS #3  --RENUMBER REFERENCES VIA REF TABLE--
00850 REM
00860 PRINT "BEGIN PASS #3"
00870 LINE INPUT #1,;I$:I1=6
00880 REM BUILD NEW LINE #
00890 B9$=MID$(STR$(B9),2,LEN(STR$(B9))-2)
00900 REM LOOK FOR MULTI-STMT SEPERATOR (:), AND REM TYPE STMTS
00910 N$="":I2=MATCH(I$,":",I1+1):IF MID$(I$,I1+1,4)="REM " THEN 1210
00920 REM LOOK FOR FIRST KEYWORD STRING
00930 X=999
00940 FOR K=1 TO C5:C1$=C$(K):Y=MATCH(I$,C1$,I1):IF Y<>0 AND Y<X THEN X=Y:C$=C1$
00950 NEXT K:IF X=999 THEN 1170
00960 IF I2<>0 AND X>I2 THEN 1170
00970 REM CHECK FOR SPECIAL 'THEN ON' CASE
00980 IF C$<>C$(1) THEN 1010
00990 FOR X=X+LEN(C$) TO X+25:FOR K=5 TO 6:IF MID$(I$,X,LEN(C$(K)))=C$(K) THEN C$=C$(K):GOTO 1010
01000 NEXT K:NEXT X
01010 GOSUB 1270
01020 REM CHECK FOR COMPOUND BRANCH
01030 IF A$="," THEN I$=LEFT$(I$,R-1)+"\"+RIGHT$(I$,LEN(I$)-R)
01040 IF LEN(N$)<>6 THEN 1170
01050 REM LOOK FOR OLD LINE # ENTRY IN C.R. TABLE
01060 FOR K=1 TO J:X=MATCH(S$(K),N$,1):IF X<>0 THEN 1090
01070 NEXT K:GOTO 1170
01080 REM REPLACE OLD LINE # REF WITH NEW LINE # FROM C.R. TABLE
01090 FOR I=6 TO 10:IF MID$(S$(K),X+I,1)<>"0" THEN 1110
01100 NEXT I
01110 R=R-1:I$=LEFT$(I$,Q-1)+MID$(S$(K),X+I,11-I)+RIGHT$(I$,LEN(I$)-R)
01120 IF I2<>0 THEN I2=Q+11-I:REM ADJUST FOR COMPOUND LINE CONTRACTION
01130 IF A$<>"," THEN 1170
01140 FOR R=7 TO LEN(I$):IF MID$(I$,R,1)="\" THEN 1160
01150 NEXT R
01160 I$=LEFT$(I$,R-1)+","+RIGHT$(I$,LEN(I$)-R):I1=R+1:X=I1:C$="":N$="":GOTO 1010
01170 IF I2<>0 THEN I1=I2:GOTO 910
01180 REM WRITE LINE BACK TO ORIGINAL FILE
01190 PRINT #2,I$:B9=B9+I9:GOTO 870
01200 REM CHECK FOR 'LASTLINE' INDICATOR
01210 IF MATCH(I$,L9$,I1)=0 THEN 1170
01220 PRINT #2,I$:CLOSE #1,#2
01230 OPEN A2$ FOR WRITE AS FILE #1:CLOSE #1:END
01240 REM
01250 REM
01260 REM KEYWORD HAS BEEN FOUND.  EXPAND FOLLOWING LINE #,IF ANY, TO 5 DIGITS
01270 FOR Q=X+LEN(C$) TO LEN(I$):IF MID$(I$,Q,1)<>" " THEN 1290
01280 NEXT Q:GOTO 1330
01290 FOR R=Q TO LEN(I$):A$=MID$(I$,R,1):IF A$=" " OR A$="," OR A$=":" THEN 1320
01300 IF A$<"0" OR A$>"9" THEN 1330
01310 N$=N$+A$:NEXT R
01320 N$=LEFT$(Z$,5-LEN(N$))+N$+"/"
01330 RETURN
01340 REM <LASTLINE>
>
```

```
          <<  Program Before Renumbering >>

00001 REM RENUMBER TEST --- NON-FUNCTIONAL BASIC PROGRAM
00007 REM
00009 IF X<>0 THEN GOTO 15
00010 ON X+Y GOTO 16,17,18:GOTO 25
00015 IF X<4 THEN ON X GOSUB 16,17,40:END
00016 GOSUB 40:GOTO 41
00017 X=X+X:IF X<>Y THEN GOSUB 40:X=X^3:RETURN
00018 GOSUB 40:ON Y GOSUB 17,40:IF Y=1 THEN 9
00019 RETURN
00025 IF Y=X THEN ON Y GOTO 9,41
00030 GOTO 9
00040 Y=Y-X:RETURN
00041 END :REM <LASTLINE>
>


          << Renumbering of Program >>

 RUN
INPUT FILE ?  SY1:RENUMTST.DOC
ENTER RESEQ 'BEG,INCR':  100,10
BEGIN PASS #1
BEGIN PASS #2
BEGIN PASS #3
END AT LINE  1220
*


          << Program After Renumbering >>

00100 REM RENUMBER TEST --- NON-FUNCTIONAL BASIC PROGRAM
00110 REM
00120 IF X<>0 THEN GOTO 140
00130 ON X+Y GOTO 150,160,170:GOTO 190
00140 IF X<4 THEN ON X GOSUB 150,160,210:END
00150 GOSUB 210:GOTO 220
00160 X=X+X:IF X<>Y THEN GOSUB 210:X=X^3:RETURN
00170 GOSUB 210:ON Y GOSUB 160,210:IF Y=1 THEN 120
00180 RETURN
00190 IF Y=X THEN ON Y GOTO 120,220
00200 GOTO 120
00210 Y=Y-X:RETURN
00220 END :REM <LASTLINE>
>
```

Example 1.

add the new C$(x) definition to line 110. (Note that lines 270 and 990 expect 'GOTO' and 'GOSUB' to be located in C$(5) and C$(6).)

This program could be used to renumber Cassette BASIC as long as it is stored in the required image format. The disk reads and writes could be replaced with tape I/O subroutines. You would, of course, need an input deck and an output deck since the Renumberer writes each line before reading the next. Between passes a wait loop could be incorporated to provide time to change or rewind cassettes. It sounds like a lot of hassle, but keep in mind the hassle required to re-key the program . . . until you make your next change.

Pass 2 writes the partially modified source to a workfile. The workfile is defined in line 60 as the variable A2$. You may have to respecify this workfile name to conform to your system or system configuration. It may also be necessary to respecify the CHAINing file names in lines 420 and 800 for the same reason if you are using the multi-program configuration.

At the end of processing, line 1230 OPENs the workfile and then CLOSEs it. This frees the disk space allocated to the workfile, although the name remains in the disk directory.

The Renumberer uses a function called MATCH. The format is MATCH(exp1,exp2,exp3), where:

exp1 = string to be searched
exp2 = string to search for
exp3 = position in exp1 to begin searching for exp2

If a match of exp2 is found in exp1, then the position of that string in exp1 is returned. If a match is not found, a zero is returned.

If your BASIC does not have this function, it can be replaced with a search loop using the above information.

Notice that the index I1 is set to 6 after reading a record in lines 170 and 870. This is the displacement in I$ to begin searching for keywords. For the H8 Disk BASIC, this can be done because all line numbers are five digits long, padded left with leading zeros when necessary (see the listings for examples). If your BASIC does not guarantee a fixed length line number, it will be necessary to add a small routine after the input statements to set I1 to the displacement of the first program information in each line.

Using the Renumberer

First, make a backup copy of the program you wish to renumber, as a precaution.

Execute the program.

Enter the name of the program you want renumbered.

Enter the beginning line number followed by the increment you want between successive line numbers.

Now get up and get a beer or read a book or something. You can occasionally check the terminal to see which pass is currently executing. After a lot of grinding and clattering, the Renumberer will end pass 3.

Dump the new listing and make a couple of test runs before deleting the temporary backup copy.

Example 1 shows the Renumberer being put through its paces. The input is a nonfunctional test program of BASIC statements. This input is stored in a file called 'SY1:RENUMTST.DOC'. Following the input are the processing statements from the Renumberer. At the bottom is a listing of the renumbered output program.

In Conclusion

Keep in mind that the Renumberer "replaces" the original program file with the renumbered version. It would be advisable to make a backup copy of the original before renumbering. A hardware error, keying error or subtle program bug could change the BASIC Program Renumberer into a BASIC Program Shredder, capable of destroying your most prized program in three deft passes.

If you own an H8, copy the program as is, or if your system has sufficient memory, copy it as a single program, making the three necessary changes mentioned above. If you are using a different BASIC and your files are stored in the required format, make any necessary modifications as previously described. Then enjoy the appearance and flexibility of your renumbered BASIC programs. ■

A1$	File name of program to be renumbered
A2$	Name of work file
C$(x)	Line reference 'keywords'
S$(x)	Cross reference table
B8	Beginning resequence number
B9	Current resequence number
I9	Resequence increment
Z$	Zeros
J	Highest S$ subscript
L9$	End-of-file identifier string
I$	Input/Output line
I1	Low keyword index
I2	High keyword index
N$	Line number referenced by a keyword
C$	Number of keywords to search for
D5	Number of strings in cross-reference table
Q,R	Temporary line indices
L1$	Line number of I$
C$,X,Y,K,I	Temporary work variables

Variable usage table.

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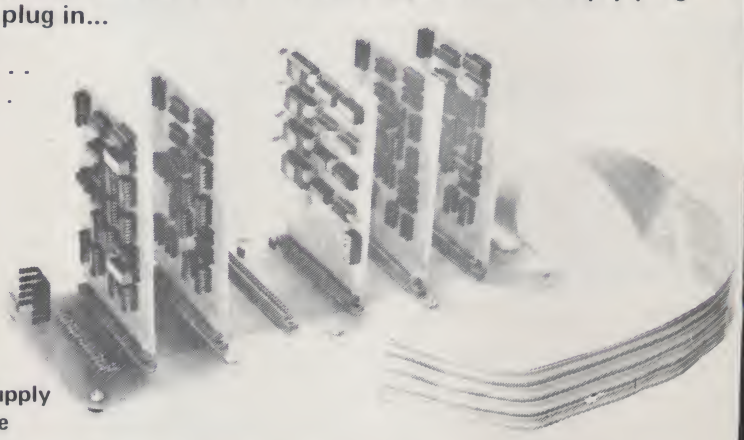

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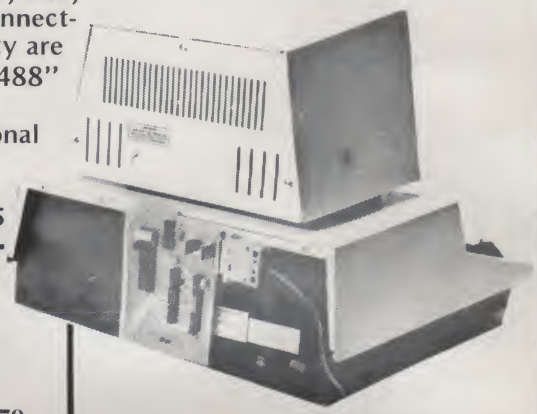

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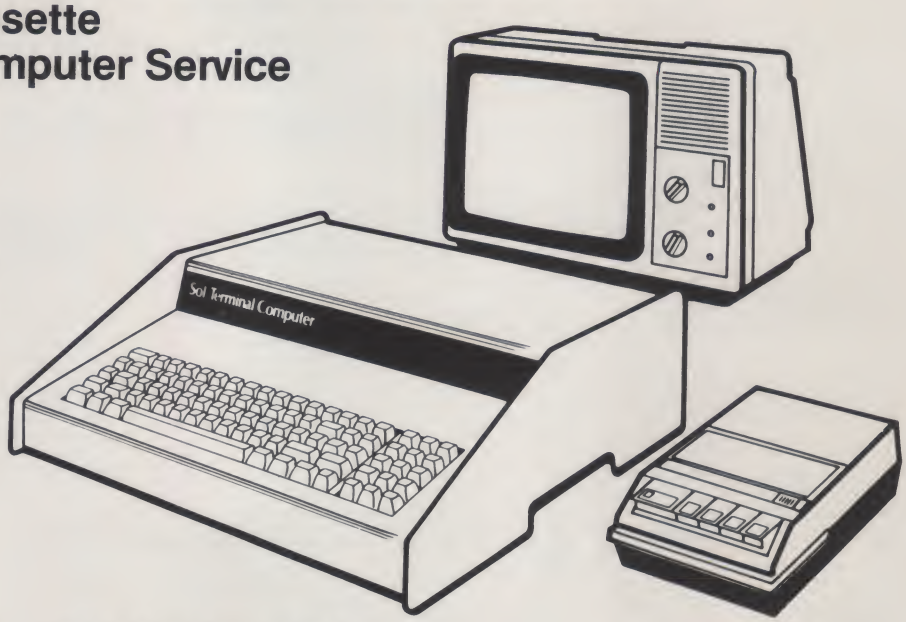

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Order Number EC-023 ..... $25.00

SINK: Three dimensional war game of your naval fleet versus the computer's fleet. Your fleet consists of destroyers in your home port and submarines hidden in the enemy port. The computer has destroyers in his port and submarines in your home port. The destroyers move and fire depth charges at the opposing hidden submarines. But watch out! The submarines can fire back with torpedoes. Size of the playing area can be changed to fit memory or alter the game complexity. SINK runs in Extended Cassette BASIC on your Sol-20. 32K RAM is required for size 5 ports. 48K is recommended for larger ports. SINK comes on 1200 baud CUTS cassette.
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Shavasan Meditation Program

Relax, read this article, use the program, relax . . . relax . . .

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Mention meditation to most people, and they'll conjure up pictures of Indian temples, droning sitars, burning incense and long-haired gurus. Certainly, the farthest thing from their minds is a computer.

Nevertheless, thanks to the program Shavasan, you can transform your home number cruncher into your very own guru!

True, your personal guru can't show you the way to nirvana . . . but it *will* teach you something almost as useful: Shavasan, an ancient Indian discipline that's more relaxing than an afternoon nap and cheaper than a bottle of booze to boot!

What is Shavasan?

Shavasan is a yoga technique that many people find very relaxing. Unlike most meditative techniques, though, it does not demand awkward postures, extreme concentration or chanting. In fact, thanks to your computer, it doesn't even demand a costly guru.

Shavasan actually consists of controlling a simple involuntary response we all share: breathing. The practice of Shavasan sounds like simplicity itself; after finding a comfortable position in a quiet room, you just sit still and breathe in . . . hold it . . . breathe

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0001  REM PROGRAM SHAVASAN
0002  REM PROGRAMMER: IAN THURSTON DATE: 31/08/1978
0003  REM SYSTEM: TRS-80, 16-K, LEVEL-II
0004  REM
0005  REM OPENING DIALOG
0006  REM
0010  CLS
0011  REM CLS CLEARS TRS-80 MONITOR SCREEN
0020  PRINT "HELLO. I'M YOUR FRIENDLY COMPUTER GURU"
0030  PRINT "I'M GOING TO TEACH YOU TO RELAX WITH SHAVASAN"
0040  PRINT
0050  PRINT "SHAVASAN LETS YOU USE YOUR BREATHING"
0060  PRINT " TO CALM YOUR BODY AND MIND."
0070  PRINT
0080  PRINT "FIRST, YOU NEED A COMFORTABLE CHAIR."
0090  PRINT "NEXT, TURN DOWN THE ROOM LIGHTS."
0100  PRINT "NOW, SIT DOWN AND RELAX FOR A MOMENT."
0104  REM
0105  REM WAIT FOR RESPONSE, THEN GET PULSE DATA
0106  REM
0110  GOSUB 1000
0120  GOSUB 2000
0130  PULSE (1) = 4*BEATS
0140  PRINT "HOW MANY MINUTES DO YOU WANT TO RELAX FOR (1-30)"
0150  INPUT MINUTES
0160  IF MINUTES < 1 OR MINUTES > 30 GOTO 150
0170  CLS
0180  PRINT "ALL YOU HAVE TO DO IS CONCENTRATE ON"
0190  PRINT "THE FOUR STAGES OF BREATHING:"
0200  PRINT
0210  PRINT TAB(10) "1) INHALE"
0220  PRINT TAB(10) "2) HOLD YOUR BREATH"
0230  PRINT TAB(10) "3) EXHALE"
0240  PRINT TAB(10) "4) HOLD IT"
0250  PRINT
0260  PRINT "JUST WATCH THE SCREEN AND DO WHAT IT SAYS."
0270  PRINT "TRY NOT LET YOUR ATTENTION WANDER."
0280  GOSUB 1000
0290  REM OPERATING PART OF PROGRAM: 3 NESTED LOOPS
0295  REM
0300  CLS
0310  MOMENT = 450
0315  REM MOMENT SETS DURATION OF INNERMOST LOOP
0320  FOR A = 1 to 8*MINUTES
0330  FOR B = 1 to 4
0340  READ MESSAGE$, TIME
0345  REM 'TIME' IS # OF 'MOMENT'S MESSAGE$ IS DISPLAYED
0350  CLS
0360  PRINT@540, MESSAGE$
0370  FOR C = 1 TO TIME*MOMENT
0380  NEXT C
0390  NEXT B
0400  RESTORE
0410  NEXT A
0420  DATA INHALE, 2, HOLD IT, 1, EXHALE, 2, HOLD IT, 2
0424  REM
0425  REM CLOSING DIALOG
0426  REM
0430  CLS
0440  PRINT "YOU HAVE COMPLETED SHAVASAN"
0450  PRINT
0460  PRINT "ONCE AGAIN";
0470  GOSUB 2000
0480  PULSE(2) = 4*BEAT
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Program listing.

out . . . hold it . . . and so on. And that is *all* you do; if you find your mind wandering, you must go back to paying attention to your breathing.

Why should this relax you? Cardiologist Herbert Benson believes that techniques such as Shavasan invoke something called the "relaxation response." Unlike the "fight-or-flight response" that gears up your body and mind to meet any threat to you, the "relaxation response" puts your body in neutral and your mind "on hold."

So effective is Shavasan that it has been taught to patients suffering from hypertension as a successful means of reducing their blood pressure. The technique, which is usually practiced for 20 minutes a day, takes most people several weeks to master. (It is surprising that something so simple should be so hard to learn—but then, relaxing is a *skill*.)

Shavasan sounds easy enough that you may be asking yourself why you need a guru—flesh-and-blood *or* semiconductor—to teach you. It turns out that almost everyone learns this sort of technique best when "someone" (in this case, your trusty computer) guides him through.

As a bonus, since you have to watch the video screen to pace yourself, your attention is so well focused that it isn't likely to wander for long. (By the way, don't try Shavasan on a Teletype-based system unless you're stone deaf. The clangs, wheezes and assorted rattles of an ASR-33 in mid-line are enough to "unrelax" anyone but a corpse.)

How the Program Works

The program has three divisions. An opening dialogue gives the "meditator" instructions about the Shavasan technique and asks him to measure his pulse for 15 seconds to provide baseline physiological data for later comparison. Since the display requires several "pages" (I prefer to avoid scrolling), the meditator must respond after each page is displayed in order to bring up the next one. For example, he must specify through the input variable MINUTES how long he wishes to relax—I recommend between 15 and 30 minutes a day.

After the opening dialogue, there is a three-level nest of timing loops. The first level determines how many inhale-hold, exhale-hold cycles will occur as a function of MINUTES (roughly eight cycles per minute). The second level successively READs each of the four instructions that make up one breathing cycle, along with the associated TIME parameter.

The third and deepest level simply kills time for either one MOMENT or two, depending on the TIME parameter just read. I chose a value of MOMENT that provides a delay of about one second on my TRS-80. You may wish to increase or decrease this value if you find the pace too fast or too slow for comfort.

When the "meditation" is complete, the program asks the meditator to measure the pulse rate for another 15 seconds for comparison with the earlier baseline data. Most people find a considerable drop in their pulse rates after meditation—which is indicative of successful relaxation. You may wish to keep track of this over a period of time, just to see how much you improve with practice.

Some Words of Caution

A few people find that techniques such as Shavasan actually make them *more* tense. Should you suspect this is happening to you, by no means should you keep "hitting your head against a brick wall."

Other people find *at first* that Shavasan doesn't seem to work for them. If this applies to you, don't be discouraged! Remember: Simple as it sounds, Shavasan is a skill that may take up to three weeks of *daily* practice before conclusive results.

So plug in your computer guru and give it a try. You may not discover the seven-fold way to True Enlightenment . . . but you'll have fun trying! ■

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0490  CHANGE = PULSE(2) – PULSE(1)
0494  REM
0495  REM FEEDBACK ON CHANGE (IF ANY) IN PULSE
0496  REM
0500  PRINT "THAT'S A CHANGE OF ";CHANGE;" BEATS A MINUTE"
0510  IF CHANGE >=0 PRINT "OOPS" ELSE PRINT "VERY GOOD"
0520  PRINT "KEEP TRYING."
0530  PRINT
0540  PRINT "THIS IS YOUR COMPUTER GURU SAYING GOODBYE."
0550  END
0994  REM
0995  REM SUBROUTINE TO WAIT FOR RESPONSE
0996  REM
1000  PRINT
1010  PRINT "WHEN YOU'RE READY TO GO ON, TYPE 'YES' "
1020  INPUT A$
1030  CLS
1040  RETURN
1994  REM
1995  REM SUBROUTINE TO GET PULSE
1996  REM
2000  PRINT "PLEASE TAKE YOUR PULSE. BEGIN TO COUNT"
2010  PRINT "BEATS WHEN THE SCREEN GOES BLANK."
2020  FOR A = 1 TO 5000
2030  NEXT A
2040  CLS
2050  FOR A = 1 to 5500
2060  NEXT A
2065  REM TIMES 15 SECONDS
2070  PRINT "HOW MANY BEATS DID YOU COUNT"
2080  INPUT BEATS
2090  CLS
2100  RETURN
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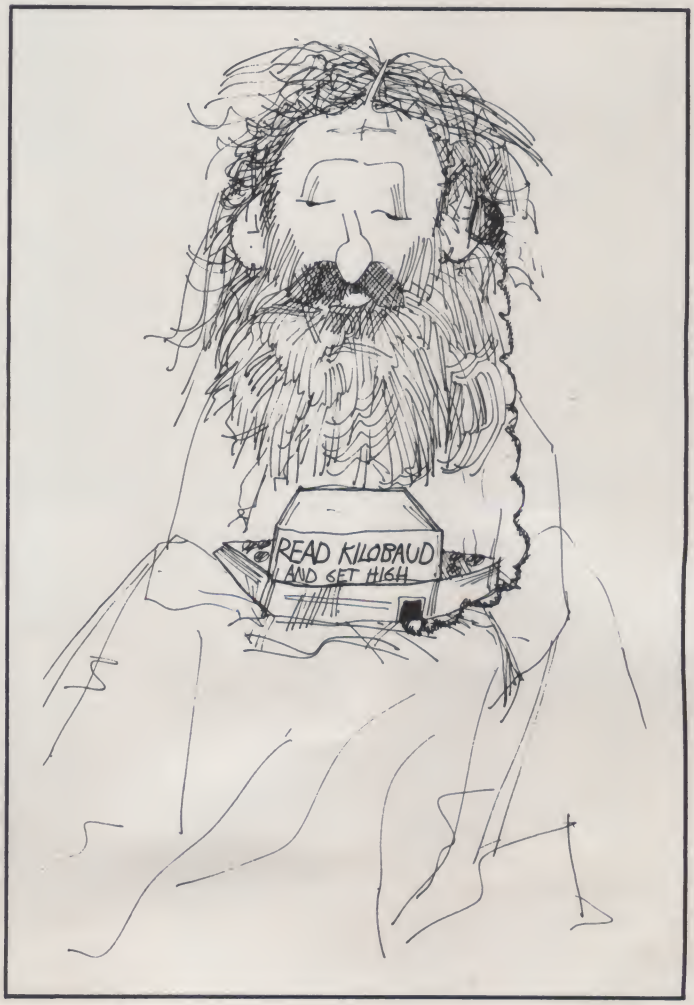

Personal Finance System

This personal finance series winds up with a program that collects data from programs presented in parts 1 and 2, and then formats it into four useful reports, with variations.

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This is the final of a three-part series dealing with personal finance. In the two previous articles, I presented programs to handle personal accounts payable and accounts receivable. In this article I will detail a program that takes the data collected by the other two programs and formats it into several useful reports. These can be used for preparing a tax return, for balancing the family budget and for keeping an eye on the fruit of your hard labor.

The system offers four basic reports, with several variations of each. When the reports program is activated, a menu of the available functions is printed (see Fig. 1). These functions are labeled A through E. One can be selected by typing its corresponding letter in response to the OPTION prompt. Note that the allowable options are printed only once, when the system is initialized. If it is desired to have them reprinted, a ? may be typed.

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                TOTAL OF GENERAL EXPENDITURES FROM JAN 1978
                      AS OF 12/30/78

MON ---------+---------+---------+---AV----+---------+---------+--------

JAN ************************************    $475.15
FEB ******************************    $390.33
MAR ****************    $211.09
APR ************************    $329.02
MAY **************************    $368.90
JUN ********************************************************************
JUL ******************************    $398.23
AUG ************************************    $512.60

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AV =     $448.17
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Fig. 4a. Graph with totals printed.

CATEGORY	AMOUNT	% OF TOTAL INCOME
PAY DEPOSITED	$7008.00	90.20%
INTEREST	$140.23	1.80%
DIVIDENDS	$32.50	0.42%
MISCELLANEOUS	$481.10	6.19%
TOTAL DEPOSITS	$7769.56	

Fig. 3. Function B—income breakdown.

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REPORT GENERATOR                                DATE: 12/28/78


ALLOWABLE OPTIONS ARE:

A=SPENDING BREAKDOWN              B=BREAKDOWN OF DEPOSITS
C=SPENDING GRAPH                  D=PAY STUB TOTALS
E=RETURN TO OPERATING SYSTEM


OPTION (?=LIST OPTIONS)?
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Fig. 1. Menu of allowable options.

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SHORT FORM SPENDING BREAKDOWN FOR 12/28/78

ACCOUNT  -2 - SAVINGS ACC WITHDRAWAL    $100.00     1.24%
ACCOUNT  -1 - MISCELLANEOUS             $271.63     3.36%
ACCOUNT   0 - CASH                     $1250.00    15.44%
ACCOUNT   1 - APARTMENT (RENT)         $2430.19    30.03%
ACCOUNT   2 - TUITION (COLLEGE)        $3720.00    45.96%
ACCOUNT   3 - BELL TELEPHONE             $68.57     0.85%
ACCOUNT   4 - ELECTRIC CO               $180.70     2.23%
ACCOUNT   5 - WATER CO                   $72.13     0.89%

              TOTAL EXPENDITURE         $8093.22
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Fig. 2. Function A.

The Reports

The first available report is function A, the spending breakdown. There are two variations of this report: long form and short form. The long-form spending breakdown is thorough, and it is best to have it printed out. It provides a list of all checks written during the year, categorized according to account number, with totals for each account. This feature is handy for figuring the itemized deductions on your tax return.

The short-form spending breakdown calculates and prints the total amount of money spent per account, along with this total expressed as a percentage. This is useful in comparing the relative activity of one account to another. An example of this report is given in Fig. 2. In this fictitious sample, meant to represent the financial picture of a college student, it is easy to see that all is as it should be (?!), with college tuition taking the largest bite of income. Often, however, imbalances can go unnoticed in a large family, and function A is useful in getting a quick overview as to how much is being spent, and where.

The second basic report offered by the system, function B, is a breakdown of deposits. As you will recall, the accounts-receivable program divided deposits into two general categories: paycheck deposits and miscellaneous deposits. This is convenient for entry, but come tax time something more specific is needed. Therefore, the deposit breakdown function searches all the miscellaneous deposits for recurring patterns in the first six letters of the account names. Any name appearing more than once in the first six letters of the deposit records is flagged, and a category with that name is created.

From this point on, any records bearing the name are entered under that category. After all the records have been scanned, the categories are totaled and printed. All the remaining records with names that were not repeated are then totaled, and this total is printed

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          TOTAL OF GENERAL EXPENDITURES FROM JAN 1978
                AS OF 12/30/78

MON ---------+---------+---------+---AV----+---------+---------+--------

JAN ***********************************

FEB *****************************

MAR ***************

APR ***********************

MAY ***************************

JUN ********************************************************************

JUL ******************************

AUG **************************************

    ---------+---------+---------+---------+---------+---------+--------
AV =     $448.17
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Fig. 4b. Graph with totals suppressed.

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          TOTAL OF GAS EXPENDITURE FROM JAN 1978
                AS OF 12/30/78

MON ---------+---------+---------+---AV----+---------+---------+--------

JAN **************************************************     $44.90

FEB ****************************************************     $46.47

MAR ***********************************************************

APR ************************************************     $43.00

MAY *********************************************     $40.12

JUN *****************************     $25.71

JUL **************     $12.66

AUG **********     $8.99

SEP **********     $9.25

OCT *******************     $17.00

NOV *************************     $22.17

DEC *****************************************     $36.63

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AV =      $29.98
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Fig. 5. Graph of gas expenditure.

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          TOTAL OF MISCELLANEOUS FROM JAN 1978
                AS OF 01/01/79

MON ---------+---------+---------+---AV----+---------+---------+--------

JAN          $0.00

FEB ****************************************     $225.56

MAR ******************************************************     $301.20

APR ********************************************************     $310.99

MAY ************************************************     $269.12

JUN ******************************************     $234.77

JUL ********************     $111.29

AUG ******************     $100.00

SEP *************************     $141.87

OCT *********************************     $182.44

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AV =     $187.72
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Fig. 6a. Graph with FIX = 0.

as MISCELLANEOUS.

As an example, suppose you regularly receive social-security checks and deposit them under miscellaneous using the account name SOC SEC XXX, where XXX is the abbreviation of the month of the check. The income breakdown function will recognize the recurring pattern SOC SEC and will create a separate category with this name. It will then calculate the total of all of the social-security checks and print this, along with the percentage of total deposits it represents.

To give a better idea of how function B works, a sample report is pictured in Fig. 3. Notice that the majority of deposits were paychecks and that the computer found only two commonly occurring names in the rest of the deposit records: INTEREST (e.g., from the savings account) and DIVIDENDS. All other records were totaled under MISCELLANEOUS.

It is also important to note that function B considers all the deposits lumped together, not separated into deposits to checking and deposits to savings. This is why INTEREST, undoubtedly deposited in the savings account, is listed with PAY DEPOSITED, which probably went into the checking account.

At this time it might also be pertinent to mention that the computer can only total deposits, not income. Therefore, in figuring your taxes, if you received $1000 from some source, but only deposited $600, you must remember to account for the other $400 on your return. Of course, if you make a habit of depositing all of your earnings (even if only temporarily), there will be no problems.

The third basic report provided by the system, function C, is a spending graph. Although this is of little use in preparing a tax return, it is handy for comparing family expenditures from month to month. Since this is the most complicated function, I will describe in detail the steps necessary in using it.

When the function is first selected, the computer will prompt for the starting date of the graph. This may be any month, followed by a slash (/), followed by the last two digits of the year. For example, 04/79 would request a starting date of April 1979. For convenience, if it is desired to start with a month in the current year, the slash and the year may be omitted entirely. Thus, 12 would imply a starting date of December, the current year.

Next, the computer will prompt for an ending date. Use the same format rules as for the starting date. The graph may extend from one year to another, provided that enough data is available and that no more than 12 months are to be graphed. For example, it is perfectly legal to request a starting date of 09/77 and an ending date of 05/78. It would be improper, however, to specify a starting date of 07/78 and an ending date of 07/79, as this would require a graph of more than 12 months.

After receiving a starting and ending date, the computer will then ask whether it is to graph general expenditure or a specific account. If you request a specific account, it will then ask for the account number. Afterwards it will ask whether or not totals should be printed. This is largely a matter of personal preference; if you would like to know exactly how much was spent each month, then type

```
            TOTAL OF MISCELLANEOUS FROM JAN 1978
                  AS OF 01/01/79

MON ---------+---------+---------+---AV----+---------+---------+--------

JAN   NO DATA

FEB **********************************    $225.56

MAR ************************************************    $301.20

APR ************************************************    $310.99

MAY ****************************************    $269.12

JUN ***********************************    $234.77

JUL ******************    $111.29

AUG ****************    $100.00

SEP ************************    $141.87

OCT ****************************    $182.44

    ---------+---------+---------+---------+---------+---------+--------
AV =     $208.58
```

Fig. 6b. Graph with FIX = 1.

```
                    Reports program breakdown

          General routines:

* 101     Parameter Block - Initialization of variables and arrays
  110     Menu print routine

          Major subroutines:

  1000 - 1199   Function A - Spending breakdown
  2000 - 2999   Function B - Breakdown of income
  3000 - 3999   Function C - Spending graph
* 4000 - 4099   Function D - Pay stub totals

          Input/Output subroutines:

  9000   Asks if printout is desired. If so, printing is switched to hard
          copy device.
  9100   Prints heading for spending breakdown function A.
  9200   Prints trailer for function A.
  9300   Receives answers to yes/no questions. Variable ANS is returned as
          follows:
                    -1 if response was yes
                     0 if response was no
                     1 if response was "EXIT"

  10000  Reads accounts-payable record from disk
  10100  Reads deposit record from disk
* 10500  Reads pay stub records from disk
  11500  Prints accounts-payable record to console
```

Table 1. List of program routines and subroutines (those marked with an asterisk will need modification as per text).

YES.

After all information has been entered, the computer will total the amount spent each month and use this to calculate the length of the bar to be printed for that month. The graph is scaled according to the arithmetic mean of the expenditures per month. For instance, if the average amount spent per month is $800, then the center of the graph will represent $800, the left-hand side $0 (as always) and the right-hand side 2*800 = $1600 (since the graph is linear). For convenience, the average is printed just below the graph.

Fig. 4 contains several examples of graphs; 4a is a general-expenditure graph. Fig. 4b is the same graph, but without the monthly totals. Notice that due to the length of the bar for June, no total was printed. (This is an automatic feature of the program, and it can be eliminated if a printer with greater line width is available.)

Although function C is not of any direct use in filing a tax return, it does have many possible applications. Suppose that a married couple is experiencing difficulty making ends meet at certain times of the year, while at other times plenty of cash is available. By examining a graph of general expenditure, they can decide which months of the year tend to be tighter in terms of debt. By saving money during months of extra cash, they can avoid these tight situations in the future.

As another example, consider the graph of expenditures for gas, shown in Fig. 5. The variation in monthly totals parallels the seasons; totals are highest in the cold months of November to March and lowest in the warm summer months. This graph represents a fictitious East Coast household that uses gas for heating, and it warns of possible cash-flow problems during the months of highest gas consumption. In fact, this family would do better to opt for a constant payment plan, if offered by their local natural-gas company. By having the monthly payments fixed at an average amount, bottlenecks can be avoided.

As you can see, thoughtful interpretation of spending graphs can yield a great deal of knowledge regarding the working of your personal finances, and possibly save money in the process.

Unfortunately, as with all graphs, function C has its flaws. Since the arithmetic mean is used to scale the graph, a low total for one month (i.e., $0) will distort the average. But there may be instances where, for one reason or another, data is unavailable for one month; this will result in a total expenditure of $0 for that month. To compensate for situ-

System Files

1. CURRENT.DAT
   Purpose: Holds records of current bills (current accounts)
   Type: Random access file with blocked records 72 bytes in length
   Format: Record # 1 - Pointer to next free record
   Records # 2..n - records of current bills with the following fields:
   1 - Integer - Account number
   2 - String - Account name
   3 - Real - Total amount of bill
   4 - Real - Amount remaining to be paid
   5 - String - Date due

2. HISTORY.DAT
   Purpose: Holds records of the payment of bills
   Type: Random access file with blocked records 72 bytes in length
   Format: Record # 1 - Pointer to next free record
   Records # 2..n - History records with the following fields:
   1 - Integer - Account number
   2 - String - Account name
   3 - Real - Amount paid
   4 - Integer - Check number if paid by check, else zero
   5 - String - Date of payment

3. PAY$STUB.DAT
   Purpose: Holds data from pay stubs
   NOTE: The following specifications are for the programs as supplied. Since this part of the system must be modified to fit individual requirements, the final specifications may vary considerably.
   Type: Random access file with blocked records 250 bytes in length
   Format: Record # 1 - Pointer to next free record
   Records # 2..n - Pay stub records with the following fields:
   1 - String - Pay stub code
   2 - String - Date of pay check
   3 - String - Ending date of period of check
   4..26 - Real - Fields from pay stub (see fig. 7 for a list of the names of these fields)

4. BANK$ACC.DAT
   Purpose: Holds current savings and checking account balances
   Holds records of deposits to savings and checking accounts
   Type: Random access file with blocked records 50 bytes in length
   Format: Record # 1 - Pointer to next free record
   Record # 2 - Record of checking account balance with the following fields:
   1 - Real - Checking account balance
   2 - String - Date of last checking account transaction
   Record # 3 - Record of savings account balance with the following fields:
   1 - Real - Savings account balance
   2 - String - Date of last savings account transaction
   Records # 4..n - Deposit records with the following fields:
   1 - Character - "C" or "S" denoting checking or savings deposit
   2 - String - Name of source of deposit
   3 - Real - Amount of deposit
   4 - String - Date of deposit

Table 2. List of files used by the personal-accounts system.

PAY STUB TOTALS AS OF 12/28/78

BI-WEEKLY	$12000.00
P.I.ABS.DED.	$0.00
OTHER ABS.DED.	$0.00
BASE EARNINGS	$12000.00
P.I.ABS. DAYS	$0.00
P.I.ABS. PAY	$0.00
PERS. LEAVE	0
GROSS EARNINGS	$12000.00
FED.TAXABLE EARNS.	$12000.00
FED.TAX	$2400.00
SOC.SEC.EARNS.	$12000.00
SOC.SEC.TAX	$720.00
CITY TAX	$516.00
STATE DED.	$240.00
UNION DED.	$120.00
H.I.PREMIUM	$144.00
RET.EARNS.	$12000.00
RET.DED.	$624.00
HEALTH PLAN DED.	$0.00
BLUE CROSS	$192.00
MAJOR MED.	$24.00
MED. SURGICAL	$12.00
NET PAY	$7008.00

Fig. 7. Function D.

Program listing.

```
        REM ***************
        REM REPORTS GENERATOR
        REM
        REM JAMES MCCLURE
        REM JULY 1,1978
        REM ***************
101     REM ********** PARAMETER BLOCK **********
        REM IDENTIFY DATA FIELDS ON PAY STUB
        REM STRING FIELDS ONE AND TWO MUST CONTAIN THE PAY STUB CODE
        REM AND DATE RESPECTIVELY!
        STRING.FIELDS=3 REM NUMBER OF STRING DATA FIELDS
        NUMERIC.FIELDS=23 REM NUMBER OF NUMERIC DATA FIELDS
        GROSS.PAY=8 REM NUMERIC FIELD CONTAINING GROSS PAY
        NET.PAY=23 REM NUMERIC FIELD CONTAINING NET PAY
        DIM R(NUMERIC.FIELDS),R$(STRING.FIELDS),T(NUMERIC.FIELDS)
        REM FIELD HEADINGS
        DATA "STUB CODE","CHECK DATE","PERIOD ENDING","BI-WEEKLY"
        DATA "P.I.ABS.DED.","OTHER ABS.DED.","BASE EARNINGS"
        DATA "P.I.ABS. DAYS","P.I.ABS. PAY","PERS. LEAVE"
        DATA "GROSS EARNINGS","FED.TAXABLE EARNS.","FED.TAX"
        DATA "SOC.SEC.EARNS.","SOC.SEC.TAX"
        DATA "CITY TAX","STATE DED.","UNION DED.","H.I.PREMIUM"
        DATA "RET.EARNS.","RET.DED.","HEALTH PLAN DED.","BLUE CROSS"
        DATA "MAJOR MED.","MED.SURGICAL","NET PAY"
        REM CREATE A SCRATCHPAD ARRAY
        DIM ARRAY(12)
        REM INITIALIZE NUMERIC CONSTANTS
        YES=-1 : NO=0 : EXIT=1
        FIX=1 REM SEE TEXT CONCERNING THIS VARIABLE
        REM INITIALIZE STRING CONSTANTS
        FOR INDEX=1 TO 72
                AST$=AST$+"*"
        NEXT INDEX
        MON$="  JANFEBMARAPRMAYJUNJULAUGSEPOCTNOVDEC"
        F1$="###   /...................../$$####.##    #####" + \
                "     /........./"
        F2$="ACCOUNT ### - /...................../ $$#####.##    ##.##%"
        F3$="/.................../ $$#######.##"
        F3A$="/.................../       ###"
        F4$=" /.............../ $$#####.##           ##.##%"
        INPUT "TODAY'S DATE?";DATE$
110     PRINT
        PRINT "REPORT GENERATOR";TAB(50);"DATE: ";DATE$
        PRINT:PRINT:PRINT:PRINT
        PRINT "ALLOWABLE OPTIONS ARE:"
        PRINT
        PRINT "A=SPENDING BREAKDOWN";TAB(40);"B=BREAKDOWN OF DEPOSITS"
        PRINT "C=SPENDING GRAPH";TAB(40);"D=PAY STUB TOTALS"
        PRINT "E=RETURN TO OPERATING SYSTEM"
        PRINT:PRINT:PRINT:PRINT
120     INPUT "OPTION (?=LIST OPTIONS)?";OPTION$
        IF OPTION$="?" OR LEN(OPTION$) EQ 0 THEN 110
        OPTION=ASC(OPTION$)-64
        IF OPTION LT 1 OR OPTION GT 5 THEN 120
        ON OPTION GOSUB 1000,2000,3000,4000,5000
        CONSOLE
        PRINT
        GOTO 120
        REM ***************
1000    REM SPENDING BREAKDOWNS
        REM ***************
        INPUT "LONG OR SHORT FORM?";RES$
        IF RES$ EQ "EXIT" THEN 1199
        FORM=0
        IF LEFT$(RES$,1) EQ "L" THEN FORM=1
        IF LEFT$(RES$,1) EQ "S" THEN FORM=2
        IF FORM EQ 0 THEN 1000
        GOSUB 9000
        IF FORM=1 THEN STRING$="LONG" ELSE STRING$="SHORT"
        PRINT USING "& FORM SPENDING BREAKDOWN FOR &";STRING$,DATE$
        PRINT
        OPEN "CURRENT.DAT" RECL 72 AS 1
        OPEN "HISTORY.DAT" RECL 72 AS 2
        READ # 1,1;ACCOUNTS
        READ # 2,1;RECORDS
        TOTAL=0
        IF FORM EQ 1 THEN 1100
        FILE.NO=1
        FOR RECORD=2 TO ACCOUNTS-1
                GOSUB 10000
                TOTAL=TOTAL+BALANCE
        NEXT RECORD
        FILE.NO=2
        FOR RECORD=2 TO RECORDS-1
                GOSUB 10000
                TOTAL=TOTAL+TOTAL.DUE
        NEXT RECORD
1100    FOR SEARCH.ACC=-2 TO ACCOUNTS-2
                FILE.NO=1
                IF FORM EQ 1 THEN GOSUB 9100
                IF SEARCH.ACC GT 0 THEN \
                        RECORD=SEARCH.ACC+1 :\
                        GOSUB 10000 :\
                        ACC.TOTAL=BALANCE :\
                        ACC.NAME$=ACCOUNT$ \

                ELSE \
                        ACC.TOTAL=0 :\
                        ON SEARCH.ACC+3 GOSUB 1920,1910,1900
                IF SEARCH.ACC GT 0 AND FORM EQ 1 AND BALANCE NE 0 THEN \
                        DUE.DATE$="CURRENT" :\
                        TOTAL.DUE=BALANCE :\
                        BALANCE=0 :\
                        GOSUB 11500
                FILE.NO=2
                FOR RECORD=2 TO RECORDS-1
                        GOSUB 10000
                        IF ACCOUNT EQ SEARCH.ACC THEN \
                                ACC.TOTAL=ACC.TOTAL+TOTAL.DUE
                        IF ACCOUNT EQ SEARCH.ACC AND FORM EQ 1 THEN \
                                GOSUB 11500
                NEXT RECORD
                IF FORM EQ 1 THEN \
                        GOSUB 9200 :\
                        PRINT TAB(26); :\
                        PRINT USING "$$#######.##";ACC.TOTAL :\
                        TOTAL=TOTAL+ACC.TOTAL \
                ELSE \
                        PRINT USING F2$;SEARCH.ACC,ACC.NAME$, \
                                ACC.TOTAL,ACC.TOTAL/TOTAL*100
                PRINT
        NEXT SEARCH.ACC
        REM PRINT TOTAL EXPENDITURE
        PRINT
```

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ations like this, the variable FIX, located in the parameter block (see program listing), may be set to 1.

With FIX = 1, the computer will treat a zero total for one month as an indication that no data is available for that month, and will print a message to this effect instead of a bar on the graph. Otherwise, if FIX = 0, the computer treats the zero total no differently than any other.

For example, Fig. 6 shows two graphs of account −1 (miscellaneous). Notice that the records do not go back to January; therefore, a $0 total is printed for that month. Fig. 6a shows the graph produced when FIX = 0. With FIX = 1, the graph of Fig. 6b is produced. Notice that the average of 6a is a good 10 percent less than the correct average of $208.58 shown in the second graph.

The last report provided by the program is a total of all the fields of recorded pay stubs. This will let you know how much you paid the government in taxes, how much you earned before and how much you earned after taxes. It will also provide a total of pay withheld for social security, retirement, health plans, etc. This function can be used as a check against your W-2 form, or possibly as a substitute if the W-2 is unavailable. An example of function D is shown in Fig. 7.

Table 3. Reminders for proper operation of the system.

```
     The following are some helpful hints on the use of the entire
personal accounts package:

Account numbers:
     -Account numbers -2 through 0 are preassigned as follows:
          -2 = Savings account withdrawals
          -1 = Miscellaneous
           0 = Checks written for cash
     -Account numbers larger than zero are user-defined using function A
      of the accounts-payable program.

Console:
     -Should be scrolling type with at least 72 characters across. No
      other special features are needed.
     -Displays with less than 24 lines may experience some screen overflow.
      CTRL-S may be used to freeze the display at any time.
     -Due to the lack of stringent console requirements, a Teletype or
      similar hard copy device could be used in place of a separate
      console and printer.

Dates:
     -take the form MM/DD/YY, where M, D and Y are digits 0 to 9.
     -If a month or day only a single digit (i.e. 1/5/79) use a leading
      zero (i.e. 01/05/79).
     -In many cases, a space may be substituted if the current date is
      desired.
```

Modification

The reports program is written in a structured format similar to the accounts-payable and accounts-receivable programs and is meant for use on the following standard system:

Hardware: 8080, 8085 or Z-80 microcomputer with 28K mem-

```
IF FORM EQ 1 THEN \
        PRINT TAB(1);; :\
        PRINT USING "TOTAL EXPENDITURE $$#######.##";TOTAL :\
        PRINT \
     ELSE \
          PRINT :\
          PRINT TAB(15);; :\
          PRINT USING "TOTAL EXPENDITURE   $$#######.##";TOTAL :\
          PRINT
     CLOSE 1,2
1199 RETURN
1900 REM ACCOUNT 0
     ACC.NAME$="CASH"
     RETURN
1910 REM ACCOUNT -1
     ACC.NAME$="MISCELLANEOUS"
     RETURN
1920 REM ACCOUNT -2
     ACC.NAME$="SAVINGS ACC WITHDRAWAL"
     RETURN
     REM ****************
2000 REM BREAKDOWN OF INCOME
     REM ****************
     GOSUB 9000
     IF ANS EQ EXIT THEN 2999
     NPAY=0 : MDEP=0 : MISC=0 : MISC.TOTAL=0
     OPEN "PAY$STUB.DAT" RECL 250 AS 1
     FILE.NO=1
     READ # 1,1;RECORDS
     FOR RECORD=2 TO RECORDS-1
          GOSUB 10500
          NPAY=NPAY+R(NET.PAY)
     NEXT RECORD
     CLOSE 1
     REM *** NOW GET MISCELLANEOUS DEPOSITS ***
     OPEN "BANK$ACC.DAT" RECL 50 AS 1
     CREATE "SCRAT.$$$" RECL 72 AS 2
     PRINT # 2,1;"",0,0
     READ # 1,1;RECORDS
     FOR RECORD=4 TO RECORDS-1
          GOSUB 10100
          IF LEFT$(ACC.NAME$,8) EQ "PAY STUB" THEN 2100
          FOR RECORDM=1 TO MISC
               READ # 2,RECORDM;CATAG$,CAT,COUNT
               IF LEFT$(ACC.NAME$,6) EQ LEFT$(CATAG$,6) THEN \
                    CAT=CAT+AMOUNT :\
                    COUNT=COUNT+1 :\
                    PRINT # 2,RECORDM;CATAG$,CAT,COUNT :\
                    GOTO 2100
          NEXT RECORDM
          RECORDM=MISC+1
          PRINT # 2,RECORDM;ACC.NAME$,AMOUNT,1
          MISC=RECORDM
2100 NEXT RECORD
     CLOSE 1
     REM *** NOW TOTAL MISC DEPOSITS ***
     FOR RECORDM=1 TO MISC
          READ # 2,RECORDM;CATAG$,CAT,COUNT
          IF COUNT GT 1 THEN INCOME=INCOME+CAT \
                        ELSE MISC.TOTAL=MISC.TOTAL+CAT
     NEXT RECORDM
     INCOME=NPAY+INCOME
     PRINT : PRINT
     PRINT "    CATEGORY          AMOUNT      % OF TOTAL INCOME"
     PRINT "-------------------  ----------  ---------------------"
```

```
Deposit records:
     -When entering miscellaneous deposits in the accounts-receivable
      program, reserve the first eight characters for recurring patterns.
      This will allow function B of the reports program to operate more
      effectively. For example, if dividends are received from three
      different stocks, enter the records as:
           DIVIDENDS - GM                          GM DIVIDENDS
           DIVIDENDS - EXXON       instead of      EXXON DIVIDENDS
           DIVIDENDS - TANDY                       TANDY DIVIDENDS

Disks:
     -The personal accounts package was written to operate on a minimum
      system with one disk drive, therefore all programs assume data files
      to be on disk A (drive 0). This diskette may not be removed or
      replaced while any one of the programs is running.

Printer:
     -Must have line length of at least 72 characters. Special features
      like page eject, etc., are not used by the programs, and therefore
      are not required.
     -Before requesting a printout, make sure that the printer is switched
      on!

Responses:
     -Responses to prompts requiring a yes or no answer, or to prompts
      requiring a multiple choice MUST BE IN CAPITALS, and may be
      abbreviated to a single letter.
```

ory; one or more IBM 3740 floppy-disk drives; "Glass Teletype" console, such as ADM-3, etc.; 72-character/line hardcopy device (not absolutely necessary).

Software: CP/M disk operating system; CBASIC or CBASIC-2 compiler.

Like the accounts-receivable program, portions of the reports program must be specifically adapted to fit your pay-stub format. These modifications are described in detail in last month's article, and for the sake of brevity will not be repeated. As you can see from the program breakdown in Table 1, only three routines in the reports generator require any modification.

1. After the first 18 lines of the parameter block of the accounts-receivable program have been modifled as per the instructions in last month's article, they must be copied over to the reports program, starting at line 101. No other changes are necessary within this block.

2. In the routine for function D beginning at line 4000, only two simple changes are required. The remarks on the fourth and 24th lines of the routine explain these two cases.

3. The subroutine at line 10500 must be matched to its counterpart in the accounts-receivable program. Once the required modifications have been made to accounts-receivable, simply copy the routine beginning at line 10000 over to line 10500 in the report generator.

These three changes customize the accounts system so that it can read, store and manipulate pay-stub records in your specific format. If the programs

```
PRINT
PRINT USING F4$;"PAY DEPOSITED",NPAY,NPAY/INCOME*100
PRINT
FOR RECORDM=1 TO MISC
     READ # 2,RECORDM;CATAG$,CAT,COUNT
     IF COUNT GT 1 THEN \
          PRINT USING F4$;LEFT$(CATAG$,8), \
               CAT,CAT/INCOME*100 :\
          PRINT
NEXT RECORDM
IF MISC.TOTAL GT 0 THEN \
     PRINT USING F4$;"MISCELANEOUS",MISC.TOTAL, \
          MISC.TOTAL/INCOME*100 :\
     PRINT
PRINT "-------------------------------------------"
PRINT
PRINT USING "TOTAL DEPOSITS $$#######.##";INCOME
DELETE 2
RETURN
2999 REM ******************
3000 REM GRAPH
REM ******************
INPUT "STARTING DATE?";S.DATE$
IF S.DATE$="EXIT" THEN 3999
IF LEN(S.DATE$) LT 5 THEN S.DATE$=S.DATE$+RIGHT$(DATE$,3)
INPUT "ENDING DATE?";E.DATE$
IF LEN(E.DATE$) LT 5 THEN E.DATE$=E.DATE$+RIGHT$(DATE$,3)
MONTHS=(VAL(RIGHT$(E.DATE$,2))-VAL(RIGHT$(S.DATE$,2)))*12+ \
     VAL(E.DATE$)-VAL(S.DATE$)+1
IF MONTHS GT 12 THEN \
     PRINT "12 MONTH LIMIT EXCEEDED" :\
     GOTO 3000
PRINT "ANY SPECIFIC ACCOUNT";
GOSUB 9300     REM GET RESPONSE
ACCTS=-3
IF ANS EQ YES THEN INPUT "WHAT ACCOUNT NUMBER?";ACCTS
PRINT "WANT TOTALS PRINTED";
GOSUB 9300     REM GET ANSWER
VALU=ANS
GOSUB 9000
FILE.NO=1
S.DATE=VAL(S.DATE$)
E.DATE=VAL(E.DATE$)
S.DATE$=RIGHT$(S.DATE$,2)+"/"+LEFT$(S.DATE$,2)
E.DATE$=RIGHT$(E.DATE$,2)+"/"+LEFT$(E.DATE$,2)
OPEN "HISTORY.DAT" RECL 72 AS 1
READ # 1,1;RECORDS
FOR RECORD=2 TO RECORDS-1
     GOSUB 10000
     MONTH=VAL(DUE.DATE$)
     DUE.DATE$=RIGHT$(DUE.DATE$,2)+"/"+LEFT$(DUE.DATE$,2)
     IF (DUE.DATE$ GE S.DATE$ AND DUE.DATE$ LE E.DATE$) \
          AND (ACCTS EQ ACCOUNT OR ACCTS EQ -3) \
          THEN ARRAY(MONTH)=ARRAY(MONTH)+TOTAL.DUE
NEXT RECORD
CLOSE 1
REM PRINT HISTOGRAM
TOTAL=0
MONTH=S.DATE
3100     IF MONTH EQ 13 THEN MONTH=1
          TOTAL=TOTAL+ARRAY(MONTH)
          IF FIX EQ 1 AND ARRAY(MONTH) EQ 0 THEN MONTHS=MONTHS-1
          MONTH=MONTH+1
     IF MONTH NE E.DATE+1 THEN 3100
SCALE=TOTAL/MONTHS/34
REM GET TITLE
```

```
        IF ACCTS EQ -3 THEN ACC.NAME$="GENERAL EXPENDITURES":GOTO 3200
        IF ACCTS LE 0 THEN ON ACCTS+3 GOSUB 1920,1910,1900:GOTO 3200
        OPEN "CURRENT.DAT" RECL 72 AS 1
        READ # 1,ACCTS+1;ACC,ACC.NAME$
        CLOSE 1
3200    PRINT
        PRINT TAB(10);
        PRINT USING "TOTAL OF & FROM & 19&"; \
              ACC.NAME$,MID$(MON$,S.DATE*3,3),LEFT$(S.DATE$,2)
        PRINT TAB(10);
        PRINT USING "      AS OF &";DATE$
        PRINT
        PRINT "MON ";
        PRINT "---------+---------+---------+---AV";
        PRINT "----+---------+---------+--------"
        PRINT
        PRINT
        MONTH=S.DATE
3300            IF MONTH EQ 13 THEN MONTH=1
                PRINT USING "& ";MID$(MON$,MONTH*3,3);
                PRINT LEFT$(AST$,INT(ARRAY(MONTH)/SCALE));
                IF FIX EQ 1 AND ARRAY(MONTH) EQ 0 THEN PRINT "  NO DATA"
                IF VALU EQ NO OR POS+8 GT 72 THEN PRINT:GOTO 3400
                IF FIX EQ 0 OR ARRAY(MONTH) NE 0 THEN \
                        PRINT USING "$$######.##";ARRAY(MONTH)
3400            PRINT
                MONTH=MONTH+1
        IF MONTH NE E.DATE+1 THEN 3300
        PRINT
        PRINT "    ---------+---------+---------+----";
        PRINT "-----+---------+---------+--------"
        PRINT USING "AV = $$######.##";TOTAL/MONTHS
3999    RETURN
        REM ***************
4000    REM CALCULATE YEARLY TOTALS
        REM ***************
        GOSUB 9000
        IF ANS EQ EXIT THEN 4099
        RESTORE
        REM THE FOLLOWING LINE SETS THE DATA POINTER TO THE FIRST
        REM NUMERIC FIELD. IN THIS CASE IT IS FIELD 4, HOWEVER
        REM THIS MAY BE CHANGED.
        READ H$,H$,H$
        OPEN "PAY$STUB.DAT" RECL 250 AS 1
        READ # 1,1;RECORDS
        FOR INDEX=1 TO NUMERIC.FIELDS
                T(INDEX)=0
        NEXT INDEX
        FOR RECORD=2 TO RECORDS-1
                GOSUB 10500     REM READ RECORD
                FOR INDEX=1 TO NUMERIC.FIELDS
                        T(INDEX)=T(INDEX)+R(INDEX)
                NEXT INDEX
        NEXT RECORD
        CLOSE 1
        PRINT USING "PAY STUB TOTALS AS OF &";DATE$
        PRINT:PRINT
        FOR INDEX=1 TO NUMERIC.FIELDS
                READ H$
                REM IN MY FORMAT, NUMERIC FIELDS 5 AND 7 SHOULD NOT
                REM BE PRINTED IN DOLLARS AND CENTS FORMAT, THUS
                REM THE FOLLOWING "IF" CLAUSE.
                IF INDEX EQ 5 OR INDEX EQ 7 THEN \
                        PRINT USING F3A$;H$,T(INDEX)*100 \
                ELSE \
                        PRINT USING F3$;H$,T(INDEX)
        NEXT INDEX
        PRINT
4099    RETURN
5000    STOP
        REM ***************
9000    REM TTY QUESTION
        REM ***************
        PRINT "PRINT ON TTY";
        GOSUB 9300
        IF ANS EQ YES THEN LPRINTER
        PRINT
        RETURN
        REM ***************
9100    REM PRINT HEADING FOR SHEET
        REM ***************
        PRINT
        PRINT "ACN          ACCOUNT            TOTAL    ";
        PRINT "CHK NUM   CHK DATE"
        PRINT "---- --------------------  --------- ";
        PRINT "--------- ----------"
        PRINT
        RETURN
        REM ***************
9200    REM PRINT TRAILER FOR SHEET
        REM ***************
        PRINT
        PRINT "------------------------------";
        PRINT "------------------------------"
        RETURN
        REM ***************
9300    REM YES OR NO ANSWER
        REM ***************
        INPUT RES$
        ANS=2
        IF LEFT$(RES$,1) EQ "Y" THEN ANS=YES
        IF LEFT$(RES$,1) EQ "N" THEN ANS=NO
        IF RES$="EXIT" THEN ANS=EXIT
        IF ANS NE 2 THEN RETURN
        PRINT "PLEASE ANSWER YES OR NO";
        GOTO 9300
        REM ***************
10000   REM READ ACCOUNTS-PAYABLE RECORD FROM DISK
        REM ***************
        READ # FILE.NO,RECORD;ACCOUNT,ACCOUNT$,TOTAL.DUE, \
              BALANCE,DUE.DATE$
        RETURN
        REM ***************
10100   REM READ DEPOSIT RECORD
        REM ***************
        READ # FILE.NO,RECORD;ACCOUNT$,ACC.NAME$,AMOUNT,DATE.DEP$
        RETURN
        REM ***************
10500   REM READ PAY STUB RECORD
        REM ***************
        READ # 1,RECORD; \
        R$(1),R$(2),R$(3),R(1),R(2),R(3),R(4),R(5),R(6),R(7),R(8), \
        R(9),R(10),R(11),R(12),R(13),R(14),R(15),R(16),R(17),R(18), \
        R(19),R(20),R(21),R(22),R(23)
        RETURN
        REM ***************
11500   REM PRINT ACCOUNTS-PAYABLE RECORD TO CRT
        REM ***************
        PRINT USING F1$;ACCOUNT,ACCOUNT$,TOTAL.DUE,BALANCE,DUE.DATE$
        RETURN
        END
```

are being used with another BASIC language, such as Microsoft, etc., further modifications in addition to those already mentioned will be necessary. As an aid to those interested in such a conversion, I have listed the blocks of the program in Table 1; in addition, a list of the files used by the entire system may be found in Table 2. Further information on the general operation of the system may be found in Table 3.

Unfortunately, because of the size of the three programs, translating them for another BASIC may be a tough job. If you do not own CBASIC, but have the facilities to support it (CP/M, memory, etc.), consider purchasing it or CBASIC-2 as a second BASIC language. The cost is approximately $100, and CBASIC has many advantages over other BASICs. CBASIC is available for either Digital Research, Inc., or Software Systems, Inc. CBASIC-2 is available from Graham-Dorian Software Systems and probably Software Systems as well.

Although the modifications I have described are not difficult, the necessity of typing over 1000 lines of BASIC can stifle anyone's enthusiasm. As an alternative, I am willing to ship a diskette with all the programs for a nominal fee of $25. This covers the cost of a quality disk and first-class postage. (Please *do not* send diskettes, as these tend to clog the mailbox and arouse the suspicions of the neighbors.) The programs will be supplied in both ASCII text (source) and compiled form (object) on a CP/M-formatted disk.

Conclusion

Proper use of this three-part system can virtually eliminate the necessity of keeping paper files, except perhaps as a backup. With reports A, B and D close at hand, April should be a much more pleasant month. Balancing the budget will also be easier with the help of report C. And don't forget the multitude of smaller reports the accounts-payable and accounts-receivable programs provide. With all that help you just can't lose, so let me hear from you soon, and get started computerizing your finances. ■

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Percom CI-812 Mod

This modification helps solve a problem that was raised in an earlier article.

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The article by Rod Hallen in *Kilobaud*, August 1978 ("Kansas City Standard," p. 48), pointed out a problem you can encounter when using both the RS-232 interface and the cassette interface on Percom's CI-812 board: namely that it is inconvenient to require the terminal and the cassette to operate at the same data rate. Fortunately, separating the cassette and terminal interfaces is relatively simple. First, the RS-232 output is inhibited during a cassette write. Second, the UART transmitter clock frequency is set for the RS-232 rate during cassette read as well as terminal operations.

The RS-232 port is disabled by adding two NPN transistors (see Fig. 1). The bit (bit 1 of port 0) that turns on the write relay, K2, holds Q_5 off during cassette write. Thus, Q_3 is kept turned off and there is no RS-232 output. The second fix is that the transmit clock input for the UART is not routed through Z10(C) (see Fig. 2). Instead, another 74LS157 IC is added. The new 2 to 1 multiplexer is controlled by bit 1 of port 0. The terminal baud rate is fed to the UART transmit clock except during cassette write. With these fixes the UART receive clock input and data input are controlled by bit 0 of port 0, while the UART transmit clock input is controlled by bit 1 of port 0.

The effect of these changes is that the RS-232 port baud rate is independent of the cassette port. The cassette rate is selected by pins 8 and 10 on the TSA connector. The software requirements are that port 0 is set to 00 for terminal I/O, 01 for cassette read and 02 for cassette write. If port 0 is set to 03, then the cassette read/write occurs at the cassette baud rate.

In summary, cassette operations are carried out at the data rate selected by connector TSA, and terminal operations occur at the strapped terminal rate. Another advantage is that binary data tapes may be written without strange characters appearing on the terminal. ■

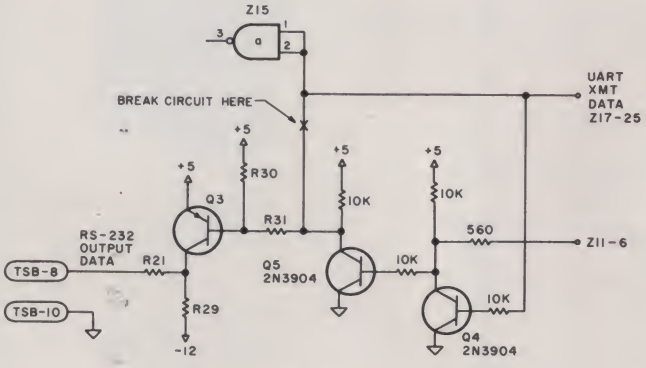

Fig. 1.

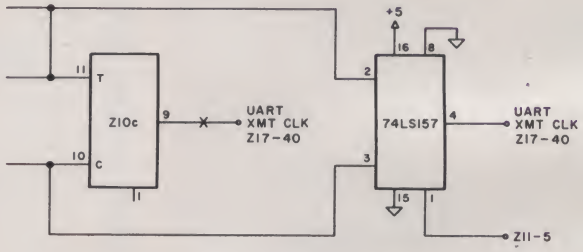

Fig. 2.

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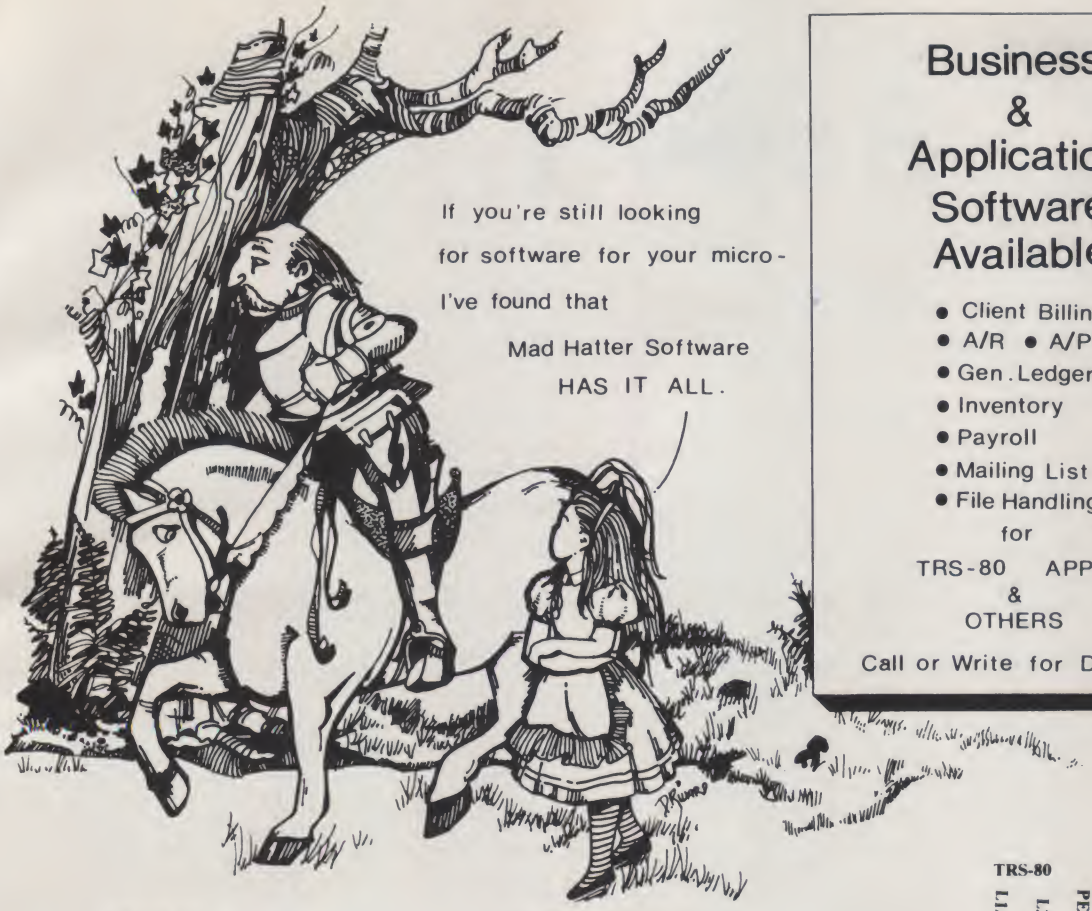

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Report

Last month, this author created a data-file program for small business. Now he's developed a program to cull the data stored by "Create" and generate financial reports.

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In Part 1 we introduced a data file creation program named Create for small businesses. This month we'll develop a program to take the information stored by Create and generate a basic financial report, a statement of income and expense. We use the Report program to generate this summary financial statement.

The program assumes that data files are created on a periodic basis. The sample run assumes that data files are routinely created at the end of each month, although any time period could be used. Additionally, it assumes that the revenue and expense-item codes in Table 1 are used; once again any set of codes can be used.

Introduction

Before going into specifics of the program, let's briefly review several characteristics of the BASIC interpreter (Business Basic by Micro Works of Cincinnati OH) used to write the program. By doing so, it may help your understanding of some of the operations being performed in parts of the program.

First, all input/output of data to mass-storage devices is via string variables. As a consequence, numeric data must be converted to a string to be stored. Conversely, to read in numeric data requires that it be read in as a string and then converted into a numeric value.

Second, when a record is written, 256 bytes are used on the mass-storage device whether the output string has only 1 or 256 bytes. Therefore, you fill as much of the string as possible in input/output operations to avoid wasting storage space.

Third, strings are arrays.

Item Code	Description
400	Revenues—Software
405	Other Revenues
410	Returned Checks
500	Media Expense—Diskettes
510	Media Expense—Tapes
520	Copy Cost
530	Postage—Software
540	Shipping Materials
700	Paper Expense—Computer
710	Office Supplies
720	Computer Software
730	Advertising and Promotion
740	Interest Expense
750	Utilities Expense
760	Insurance Expense
770	Depreciation—Computer
780	Depreciation—Other
790	Rent
800	Bad Debts Expense
810	Travel
820	Other Expense

Table 1. Sample chart of accounts.

```
10  DIM A$(256),B$(10),C$(63),D$(10),r$(72),L$(30)
20  DIM S(30)
30  REM BASIC REQUIRES THAT STRINGS BE INITIALIZED BEFORE USE
40  A$=" " : FOR I=1 TO 8 : A$=A$+A$ : NEXT I
50  F$=A$(1,72)
60  B$=A$(1,10) : D$=B$
70  C$=A$(1,63)
80  L$=A$(1,30)
90  REM C$ HOLDS THE BUSINESS ACCOUNT CODES ( 3 DIGITS IN LENGTH )
100  REM F$ HOLDS NAMES OF FILES USED TO MAKE UP REPORT
110  REM    NOTE: IT IS ASSUMED THAT FILE NAMES ARE 6 CHARACTERS LONG
120  REM          THE SIX CHARACTERS DO NOT INCLUDE THE FILE EXTENSION
130  REM L$ HOLDS USER INPUTED LABEL FOR REPORT
140  C$="400405410500510520530540700710720730740750760770780790800810820"
150  #""
160  FOR I=1 TO 7 : #" " : NEXT I
170  #"               FINANCIAL STATEMENT PROGRAM"
180  #"                  INCOME & EXPENSE REPORT"
190  #"                        VERSION 1.0"
200  #"                          1/3/79"
210  FOR I=1 TO 4 : #" " : NEXT I
220  OPEN (PRINTER,E)
230  INPUT "Enter input device number (0 or 1) ",D
240  IF D<0 OR D>1 THEN 230
250  INPUT "Number of data files in report (12 max) ",F
260  FOR I=1 TO F
270    #"Enter name of file ";I;" ';
280    INPUT " ",F$(I*6-5,I*6)
290    NEXT I
300  #""
310  #"Names of files entered "
320  FOR I=1 TO F
330    #I;". ";F$(I*6-5,I*6)
340    NEXT I
350  INPUT "Any corrections ",D$
360  IF D$<>"Y" THEN 420
370  INPUT "Enter number of file name to be corrected ",I
380  F$(I*6-5,I*6)="      "
390  INPUT "Enter new file name ",F$(I*6-5,I*6)
400  INPUT "Another correction ",D$
410  IF D$="Y" THEN 370
420  INPUT "Enter date label for report ",L$
430  FOR I=1 TO F : REM THIS IS THE FILE LOOP
440    B$=F$(I*6-5,I*6)
450    B$=B$+".DA"+CHR$(0)
460    OPEN (0,E,B$,2,D)
470    GET (0,E,A$,0)
480    REM RECORD ZERO LAYOUT
490    REM  A$(1,3) HOLDS THE NUMBER OF RECORDS IN FILE
500    REM  A$(4,6) THE MAXIMUM NUMBER OF RECORDS THAT CAN BE PUT IN FILE
510    REM  A$(7,44) THE INTERNAL FILE LABEL IS HERE
520    D$=A$(1,3) : REM NUMBER OF RECORDS IN FILE KEPT HERE
530    CONVERT D$ TO N
540    B=INT(N/14) : REM CALCULATE NUMBER OF BLOCKS IN FILE
550    A=N-B*14 : REM SEE IF THERE IS A PARTIAL BLOCK
560    IF A>0 THEN B=B+1 : REM IF PARTIAL BLOCK READ IT TOO
570    #""
580    #"READING FILE    : ";A$(7,44)
590    FOR J=1 TO B : REM BLOCK READ LOOP
600      GET (0,E,A$,J)
610      REM RECORD LAYOUT FOR RECORDS GREATER THAN ZERO
620      REM   POS 1-5  CHECK NUMBER
630      REM   POS 6-7  DEPARTMENT NUMBER
640      REM   POS 8-10 DISTRIBUTION NUMBER
```

Program listing.

Therefore, C$(1,3) refers to elements one through three in string C$ and not row 1, column 3 of a matrix string C$.

Finally, to facilitate the conversion between string and numeric information, the CONVERT function is used. Its equivalents in other BASIC languages are the STR$ and VAL$ commands. With these peculiarities in mind, let's move to the program itself.

Program

Program Report can be broken down into three sections: (1) data file identification and retrieval, (2) arithmetic operations and (3) printed report. By altering the contents of sections 2 and 3, it is possible to generate any desired report.

The data file identification and retrieval section essentially decodes information stored away by program Create. Once entered, it can serve as a "front end" for many business report programs (in this case, it is assumed that the record length is 18 and that records are grouped together in blocks of 14).

The second section of the program performs the arithmetic operations necessary to generate report amounts. In this section of the program, revenue and expense item numbers are taken from string C$ (three digit item codes are assumed).

To change item codes to your own, replace the information in the C$ string. Just make sure your item codes are uniform in length and that you modify the comparison routine (lines 690-710) if your item codes have a length other than three. Additionally, if your BASIC doesn't allow you to address individual items in a string array, you should be able to use LEFT$, MID$ and RIGHT$ commands to get the same result.

The final section of the program prints the report. A variety of methods to get formatted output may be used here. Many BASICs, including Business Basic, have IMAGE and PRINT USING commands.

In the program listing, the formatted field command "%" is used. The "%" indicates a formatted field. The "C" and "$" cause a comma to be printed every third digit to the left of the decimal point and a dollar sign to be placed to the left of the left-most digit of the number printed. The "10F2" portion of the print instruction indicates a print field width of 10 and a floating-point number with two digits to the right of the decimal point.

An income and expense statement generated by the program is shown in the sample run (the company is a fictitious one). It is presented as an example of the type of information that can be generated. The format used is for illustrative purposes only. There is virtually no limit to the way you can output your report. I've chosen this method because it is easiest to code. Some other method may better suit your needs. If so, change it as necessary.

Conclusion

In summary, Create and Report were written as beginnings to a low-cost accounting system for small businesses. The programs are relatively small, flexible and easy to operate. Because they lack a large amount of sophistication, they are relatively easy to understand and modify. Even if they aren't what you need, maybe they will provide you with some ideas for your own accounting system. ■

```
650     REM   POS 11-18 AMOUNT
660     REM THERE ARE 14 RECORDS PER 256 BYTE BLOCK
670     REM THEREFORE NOZERO RECORD FORMAT OCCURS 14 TIMES IN EACH BLOCK
680     FOR K=1 TO 14 : REM RECORDS PER BLOCK LOOP
690       FOR L=1 TO 21 : REM ITEM CODE MATCH UP LOOP
700         IF C$(L*3-2,L*3)=A$(K*18-10,K*18-8) THEN EXIT 730
710         NEXT L
720       GOTO 760 : REM THIS CODE NOT VALID FOR THIS REPORT
730       D$=A$(K*18-7,K*18)
740       CONVERT D$ TO N1
750       S(L)=S(L)+N1
760       NEXT K
770     NEXT J
780   CLOSE (0,E) : REM CLOSE FILE, GO GET ANOTHER IF NEEDED
790   NEXT I
800 REM******** THIS ENDS DATA RETRIEVAL PROCESS  ***************
810 REM******** THIS BEGINS ARITHMETIC PROCESS ******************
820 FOR I=1 TO 21 : S(I)=S(I)*.01 : NEXT I : REM PUT IN DECIMAL
830 T(1)=S(1)+S(2) : REM TOTAL REVENUE
840 T(2)=T(1)-S(3) : REM REVENUE LESS RETURNED CHECKS
850 T(3)=S(4)+S(5)+S(6)+S(7)+S(8) : REM COST OF GOODS SOLD
860 T(4)=T(2)-T(3) : REM GROSS INCOME BEFORE ADMIN AND SELL EXPENSE
870 REM ADD UP SELLING AND ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES
880 FOR I=9 TO 21
890   T(5)=T(5)+S(I)
900   NEXT I
910 T(6)=T(4)-T(5) : REM NET INCOME BEFORE TAXES
920 REM******** THIS ENDS THE ARITHMETIC SECTION ***************
930 REM WRITTEN REPORT BEGINS HERE
940 OPEN (PRINTER,E)
950 #"" : REM CLEAR THE SCREEN
960 #"                    CIPHER COMPUTER COMPANY"
970 #"                 Income and Expense Statement"
980 #"                ";L$
990 #"Revenue (software)                ";%C$10F2;S(1)
1000 #"Revenue (other)                  ";%C10F2;S(2)
1010 #" less returned checks            ";%C10F2;S(3)
1020 #"TOTAL REVENUE                                ";%C$10F2;T(2)
1030 #" "
1040 #"Media expense-Diskettes          ";%C10F2;S(4)
1050 #"Media expense-Tapes              ";%C10F2;S(5)
1060 #"Copying cost                     ";%C10F2;S(6)
1070 #"Postage-software                 ";%C10F2;S(7)
1080 #"Shipping-software                ";%C10F2;S(8)
1090 #"COST OF GOODS SOLD                           ";%C10F2;T(3)
1100 #" "
1110 #"Paper expense-computer           ";%C10F2;S(9)
1120 #"Office supplies                  ";%C10F2;S(10)
1130 #"Computer software                ";%C10F2;S(11)
1140 #"Advertising and promotion        ";%C10F2;S(12)
1150 #"Interest expense                 ";%C10F2;S(13)
1160 #"Utilities expense                ";%C10F2;S(14)
1170 #"Insurance expense                ";%C10F2;S(15)
1180 #"Depreciation-computer            ";%C10F2;S(16)
1190 #"Depreciation-other               ";%C10F2;S(17)
1200 #"Rent                             ";%C10F2;S(18)
1210 #"Bad debts expense                ";%C10F2;S(19)
1220 #"Travel                           ";%C10F2;S(20)
1230 #"Other expenses                   ";%C10F2;S(21)
1240 #"TOTAL SELLING AND ADMINISTRATIVE             ";%C10F2;T(5)
1250 #"***  NET INCOME  ***                          ";%C$10F2;T(6)
1260 CLOSE (PRINTER,E)
1270 #"End of processing"
1280 END
```

```
Enter input device number (0 or 1) 1
Number of data files in report (12 max) 1
Enter name of file  1  JAN78B

Names of files entered
 1. JAN78B
Any corrections N
Enter date label for report          JANUARY 1978

READING FILE     : REV & EXP FOR JAN 1978


                    CIPHER COMPUTER COMPANY
                 Income and Expense Statement
                        JANUARY 1978
Revenue (software)                  $477.89
Revenue (other)                      17.50
 less returned checks                10.25
TOTAL REVENUE                                 $485.14

Media expense-Diskettes             35.00
Media expense-Tapes                  1.69
Copying cost                         3.80
Postage-software                     3.00
Shipping-software                   15.00
COST OF GOODS SOLD                                58.49

Paper expense-computer              14.85
Office supplies                      3.00
Computer software                   50.00
Advertising and promotion            6.00
Interest expense                    12.30
Utilities expense                    3.50
Insurance expense                    1.50
Depreciation-computer               37.50
Depreciation-other                   5.25
Rent                                25.00
Bad debts expense                   10.25
Travel                               5.55
Other expenses                       5.00
TOTAL SELLING AND ADMINISTRATIVE                  179.70
***  NET INCOME  ***                             $246.95
```

Sample run.

Haiku Composer

Light lines on dark screen/eyes and hands coordinate/images result.

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This program composes, with substantial help from a random-number generator, those short poems known as haiku. The haiku originated in Japan about four centuries ago, and today it is the most popular variety of poetry in the world. In its most classical form, the haiku consists of three lines, with five syllables in the first line, seven syllables in the second and five in the third.

Haiku is written in Microsoft's Level II BASIC for the TRS-80. It occupies about 6K. A new poem is composed every time ENTER is pressed; the haiku is printed line by line on the display as it is composed. As you can see from Example 1, Haiku is capable of some rather fanciful imagery in the poems it generates.

How the Program Works

The four haiku patterns beginning at line 400 in the listing form the heart of the program. These patterns, which were extracted from actual poems, are used by the program as a framework for the creation of its own poems.

The program begins by selecting one of the patterns at random. The words the pattern requires are supplied by the word-choosing subroutine, which starts at line 240. If the pattern calls for a first line made up of an article, an adjective and a noun, the word-choosing subroutine will supply one each of these three types of words by taking a word at random from the appropriate group in the vocabulary, which extends from line 2000 to line 2410 in the listing. (This vocabulary, by the way, was selected from two anthologies of haiku.)

Since the line contains an article, control is then transferred to the article-checking subroutine at line 170. If the article is a or an, and it does not agree with the word it precedes, this subroutine changes the article to its proper form. Punctuation is added to the end of the line and the line is printed on the display.

Modern poets who work in this form don't usually limit themselves to the classical 5-7-5 pattern of syllables, and in any case, this procedure is structured to the Japanese language and not particularly suited to English. Accordingly, the poems which Haiku creates are not limited to the 5-7-5 pattern.

Making Changes

If you want to change the vocabulary to make the program compose poems with a different set of words, this is easily accomplished by making the desired additions or deletions to the data lines beginning at 2100. The variables at lines 60, 70, 80 and 90 must also be changed to reflect the current number of words in each category of the vocabulary. Incidentally, line 2010 of the vocabulary contains the article the twice to prevent a disproportionately large number of a's and an's from appearing in the poems.

Occasionally the program will produce a haiku like the one in Example 2, in which the same word is used several times. This will often be of little consequence because the repetition of the word may be meaningful given the context of the poem. Furthermore, the chance that the same word will be chosen more than once in the same poem decreases as the size of the vocabulary increases. But if you want the program to create poems that contain no repetition of words at all, here is a possible solution.

For each haiku, all the values of RAN produced by the word-

```
THE BITTER WITHERED MOUNTAIN;
   UNDER THE QUIET SHAPE
      A SURF FLUTTERS

A DARK FEATHER IS FLOATING;
   THE LINGERING ICY MOON
      THROUGH AN AZURE NIGHT

A SPRING MEADOW . . .
   THE MOON SLEEPS UNDER A BUSH
      BROKEN BLUE SNOWFLAKE

SEA WITH A SHADOW;
   A WHITE WILDFLOWER ON THE MORNING
      SILENT CLOUD
```

Example 1.

```
A LINGERING STILL SILENCE;
   ON THE LINGERING FOREST
      A SILENCE IS FALLING
```

Example 2.

```
1 '         HAIKU, VERS  1 1
2 '         BY JOHN KRUTCH
10 RANDOM
20 CLEAR 200
30 DEFSTR B,L,W
40 DEFINT A-I,N,P,R,V
50 ARTNMB=4
60 ADJNMB=50
70 NOUNNMB=50
80 VERBNMB=13
90 PREPNMB=7
100 GOTO 140
110 LIN=""
120 RESTORE
130 A$=INKEY$ IF A$=CHR$(13) THEN 140 ELSE 130
140 CLS
150 RAN=RND(4)
160 ON RAN GOTO 400, 700, 1000, 1300
165 '          ARTICLE-CHECKING SUBROUTINE
166 '          THIS SUBROUTINE SCANS THROUGH THE LINE OF VERSE
167 '          JUST COMPOSED.  IF IT FINDS "A" BEFORE A VOWEL,
168 '          OR "AN" BEFORE A CONSONANT, IT CONVERTS THE
169 '          ARTICLE TO ITS PROPER FORM
170 FOR I=1 TO LEN(LIN) - 2
180 IF MID$(LIN,I,3)=" A " THEN B=MID$(LIN,I+3,1) IF B="A" OR
    B="E" OR B="I" OR B="O" OR B="U" THEN LIN=LEFT$(LIN,I+1) +  "N" + MID$(LIN,I+2)
190 NEXT I
200 FOR I=1 TO LEN(LIN) - 2
210 IF MID$(LIN,I,4)=" AN " THEN B=MID$(LIN,I+4,1) IF B="A" OR
    B="E" OR B="I" OR B="O" OR B="U" THEN 220 ELSE  LIN=LEFT$(LIN,I+1) + MID$(LIN,I+3)
220 NEXT I
230 RETURN
232 '          WORD-CHOOSING SUBROUTINE
233 '          THE VARIABLE P IS A POINTER WHICH IS SET TO THE
234 '          BEGINNING OF THE GROUP OF WORDS INDICATED BY
235 '          THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE PARTICULAR HAIKU
236 '          PATTERN IN USE.  WITH THE HELP OF THE RANDOM
237 '          NUMBER RAN A WORD IS THEN CHOSEN AT RANDOM
238 '          FROM THIS GROUP.
240 RAN=RND(N) + P
250 FOR I=1 TO RAN
260 READ WRD
270 NEXT I
280 LIN=LIN + " " + WRD
290 RESTORE
300 RETURN
395 '          FIRST HAIKU PATTERN
400 N=ARTNMB: P=0: GOSUB 240     ' 240 IS WORD-CHOOSING SUBR
410 N=ADJNMB: P=ARTNMB: GOSUB 240
420 N=NOUNNMB: P=ARTNMB + ADJNMB: GOSUB 240
430 GOSUB 170     ' 170 IS ARTICLE-CHECKING SUBROUTINE
440 LIN=LIN + "  "
450 PRINT@ 340, LIN
460 LIN=""
470 N=ARTNMB: P=0: GOSUB 240
480 N=NOUNNMB: P=ARTNMB + ADJNMB: GOSUB 240
490 N=VERBNMB: P=ARTNMB + ADJNMB + NOUNNMB: GOSUB 240
500 N=PREPNMB: P=ARTNMB + ADJNMB + NOUNNMB + VERBNMB:GOSUB 240
510 N=ARTNMB: P=0: GOSUB 240
520 N=NOUNNMB: P=ARTNMB + ADJNMB: GOSUB 240
530 GOSUB 170
540 PRINT@ 406, LIN
550 LIN=""
560 N=ADJNMB: P=ARTNMB: GOSUB 240
570 GOSUB 240
580 N=NOUNNMB: P=ARTNMB + ADJNMB: GOSUB 240
590 PRINT@ 472, LIN
600 GOTO 110
695 '          SECOND HAIKU PATTERN
700 N=NOUNNMB: P=ARTNMB + ADJNMB: GOSUB 240     '240 IS WORD-CHOOSING SUBROUTINE
710 N=PREPNMB: P=ARTNMB + ADJNMB + NOUNNMB + VERBNMB:GOSUB 240
720 N=ARTNMB: P=0: GOSUB 240
730 N=NOUNNMB: P=ARTNMB + ADJNMB: GOSUB 240
740 GOSUB 170     ' 170 IS ARTICLE-CHECKING SUBROUTINE
750 LIN=LIN + ","
760 PRINT@ 340, LIN
770 LIN=""
780 N=ARTNMB: P=0: GOSUB 240
790 N=ADJNMB: P=ARTNMB: GOSUB 240
800 N=NOUNNMB: P=ARTNMB + ADJNMB: GOSUB 240
810 N=PREPNMB: P=ARTNMB + ADJNMB + NOUNNMB + VERBNMB:GOSUB 240
820 N=ARTNMB: P=0: GOSUB 240
830 N=NOUNNMB: P=ARTNMB + ADJNMB: GOSUB 240
840 GOSUB 170
850 PRINT@ 406, LIN
860 LIN=""
870 N=ADJNMB: P=ARTNMB: GOSUB 240
880 N=NOUNNMB: P=ARTNMB + ADJNMB: GOSUB 240
890 PRINT@ 472, LIN
900 GOTO 110
995 '          THIRD HAIKU PATTERN
1000 N=ARTNMB: P=0: GOSUB 240      240 IS WORD-CHOOSING SUBR
1010 N=ADJNMB: P=ARTNMB: GOSUB 240
1020 GOSUB 240
1030 N=NOUNNMB: P=ARTNMB + ADJNMB: GOSUB 240
1040 GOSUB 170      ' 170 IS ARTICLE-CHECKING SUBR
1050 LIN=LIN + ";"
1060 PRINT@ 340, LIN
1070 LIN=""
1080 N=PREPNMB: P=ARTNMB + ADJNMB + NOUNNMB + VERBNMB:GOSUB 240
1090 N=ARTNMB: P=0: GOSUB 240
1100 N=ADJNMB: P=ARTNMB: GOSUB 240
1110 N=NOUNNMB: P=ARTNMB + ADJNMB: GOSUB 240
1120 GOSUB 170
1130 PRINT@ 406, LIN
1140 LIN=""
1150 N=ARTNMB: P=0: GOSUB 240
1160 N=NOUNNMB: P=ARTNMB + ADJNMB: GOSUB 240
1170 N=VERBNMB: P=ARTNMB + ADJNMB + NOUNNMB: GOSUB 240
1180 GOSUB 170
1190 PRINT@ 472, LIN
1200 GOTO 110
1295 '          FOURTH HAIKU PATTERN
1300 N=ARTNMB: P=0: GOSUB 240      ' 240 IS WORD-CHOOSING SUBR
1310 N=ADJNMB: P=ARTNMB: GOSUB 240
1320 N=NOUNNMB: P=ARTNMB + ADJNMB: GOSUB 240
1330 N=VERBNMB: P=ARTNMB + ADJNMB + NOUNNMB: GOSUB 240
1340 GOSUB 170      ' 170 IS ARTICLE-CHECKING SUBROUTINE
1350 LIN=LIN + ";"
1360 PRINT@ 340, LIN
1370 LIN=""
1380 N=ARTNMB: P=0: GOSUB 240
1390 N=ADJNMB: P=ARTNMB: GOSUB 240
1400 GOSUB 240
1410 N=NOUNNMB: P=ARTNMB + ADJNMB: GOSUB 240
1420 GOSUB 170
1430 PRINT@ 406, LIN
1440 LIN=""
1450 N=PREPNMB: P=ARTNMB+ADJNMB+NOUNNMB+VERBNMB: GOSUB 240
1460 N=ARTNMB: P=0: GOSUB 240
1470 N=ADJNMB: P=ARTNMB: GOSUB 240
1480 N=NOUNNMB: P=ARTNMB + ADJNMB: GOSUB 240
1490 GOSUB 170
1500 PRINT@ 472, LIN
1510 GOTO 110
2000 '          ARTICLES
2010 DATA "A","THE","AN","THE"
2100 '          ADJECTIVES
2110 DATA "AUTUMN","HIDDEN","BITTER","MISTY","SILENT","EMPTY"
2120 DATA "DRY","DARK","SUMMER","ICY","DELICATE","QUIET"
2130 DATA "WHITE","SUDDEN","COOL","SPRING","WINTER","DAPPLED"
2140 DATA "TWILIGHT","DAWN","CRIMSON","WISPY","AZURE"
2150 DATA "BLUE","BILLOWING","BROKEN","COLD","DAMP","FALLING"
2160 DATA "FROSTY","GREEN","LONG","LATE","LINGERING","LIMPID"
2170 DATA "LITTLE","MORNING","MUDDY","ORANGE","OLD","RED"
2180 DATA "STILL","SMALL","SPARKLING","THROBBING","WANDERING"
2190 DATA "WITHERED","WILD","BLACK","YOUNG"
2200 '          NOUNS
2210 DATA "SCARECROW","WATERFALL","RIVER","BREEZE","MOON"
2220 DATA "RAIN","WIND","SEA","MORNING","SNOW","LAKE","SUNSET"
2230 DATA "PINE","SHADOW","LEAF","DAWN","GLITTER","FOREST"
2240 DATA "HILL","CLOUD","MEADOW","SUN","GLADE","BIRD"
2250 DATA "BUTTERFLY","BUSH","CROW","DEW","DUST","FIELD"
2260 DATA "FLOWER","FIREFLY","FEATHER","GRASS","MOUNTAIN"
2270 DATA "NIGHT","POND","PINE-CONE","SHADE","SNOWFLAKE"
2280 DATA "SILENCE","SOUND","SKY","SHAPE","SURF","THUNDER"
2290 DATA "VIOLET","WATER","WILDFLOWER","WAVE"
2300 '          VERBS
2310 DATA "SHAKES","DRIFTS","HAS TURNED","STRUGGLES"
2320 DATA "HAS FALLEN","HAS PASSED","SLEEPS","CREEPS"
2330 DATA "FLUTTERS","HAS RISEN","IS FALLING","IS TRICKLING"
2340 DATA "IS FLOATING"
2400 '          PREPOSITIONS
2410 DATA "ON","IN","WITH","OF","THROUGH","BEHIND","UNDER"
2420 END
```

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Program listing.

choosing subroutine should be stored. (RAN is the variable that points to the next word to be incorporated into the haiku.) Then, whenever the word-choosing subroutine comes up with a new value for RAN, it is compared to the values in memory. If the new value is the same as any of the old values, instead of incorporating the associated word into the poem, the word-choosing subroutine is called again. Exception has to be made for RAN ⩽ 4, since these four values refer to the articles a, an and the.

A more serious problem, semantics, is illustrated by Example 3. Although the poet has a great amount of latitude when writing poetry and is free to position words and phrases in unfamiliar and sometimes strikingly unusual ways (which is why a poetry-composing program based on a random-number generator such as this one is bound to be so much more successful than a similar program to, say, write short stories!)—nevertheless, even granting the program a certain freedom from ordinary restrictions of language, the phrase "breeze of the shape" is clearly meaningless (not to mention the second and third lines in the example.

BREEZE OF THE SHAPE;
A RED NIGHT UNDER THE SUN
WILD SCARECROW

Example 3.

Someone with a lot of patience might try matching every word in the vocabulary with every other word and categorizing the result, so that the program would never be allowed to choose shape as the object of the preposition of. But this really isn't fair; this is like giving the poem to the program already half-written. This problem won't be solved until programs are written that demonstrate creativity and an ability to understand natural language—in other words, until we have intelligent computers.

Conclusion

While I seriously doubt that this program will displace such great Japanese masters of haiku as Bashō and Issa, it nevertheless produces some interesting poetry. The more care that's taken with assembling the vocabulary, the better (and more pertinent) the haiku will be.

If you don't feel like typing in the whole program and you have a Level II TRS-80 with at least 16K RAM, a cassette version of Haiku is available from Omicron Software, PO Box 2547, Sepulveda CA 91343, for $8.50.■

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The Sorcerer Connection

This follow-up article to "What's so Magic about the Sorcerer?" (June 1979 issue, p. 100) shows how to use the parallel port to connect the Sorcerer to a model 33 Teletype.

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In the June 1979 *Kilobaud MICROCOMPUTING* (p. 100) we examined in detail the interfacing requirements of the Exidy Sorcerer computer's parallel input/output (I/O) port. This article presents an example of how to use that parallel port: to connect the computer to a model 33 Teletype machine (TTY).

The Sorcerer I/O port is already compatible with a number of printers that accept 8-bit parallel data, but the ubiquitous TTY communicates over a 20 mA loop at 110 baud. Neither of these requirements is met by the Sorcerer's array of interfacing capabilities, so the circuit described here provides the necessary format conversions.

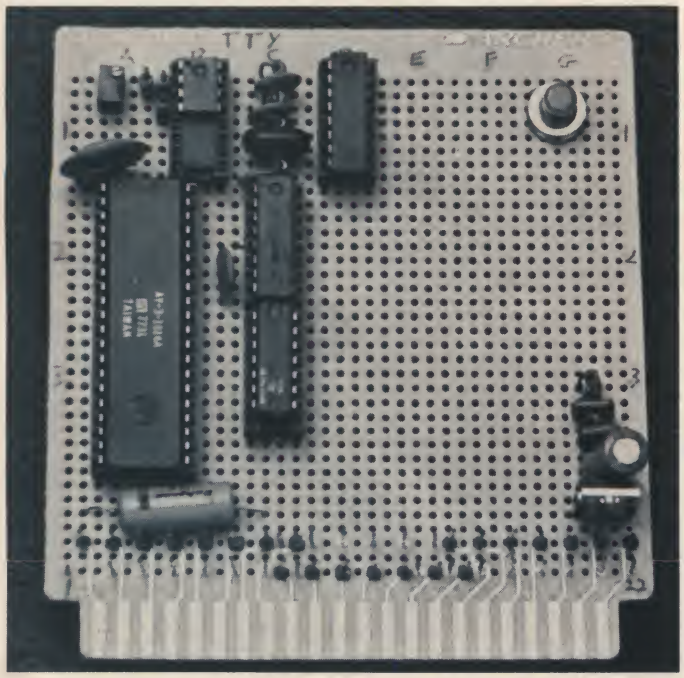
Why a TTY?

About the only excuse for hanging a slow, noisy old Teletype on a shiny new computer is "because it is there." Almost every computer hobbyist seems to own one. Also, TTYs are relatively inexpensive, incredibly reliable (that should provoke some arguments!) and great fun to try to fix on a rainy day.

Not too long ago I didn't care much for the machine's reliability. I thought I was an expert, having spent years trying to make them work right. That was before I discovered that a properly adjusted and lubricated TTY will print yards of paper and read or punch miles of paper tape without error. This information won't do you much good if you don't know any TTY repair geniuses, so if you do find one of this rare breed, be nice to him.

The TTY Connection

TTYs are there, just about everywhere you look, like cacti in Texas. If you have access to one and want to hang it onto your Sorcerer's parallel port, the schematic in Fig. 1 shows the circuit you will need to use it as a printer. Fig. 2 shows the connections for the other direction of transmission, allowing



The Sorcerer-to-Teletype interface circuit board. The circuit is wire-wrapped on a Radio Shack Experimenter's Breadboard.

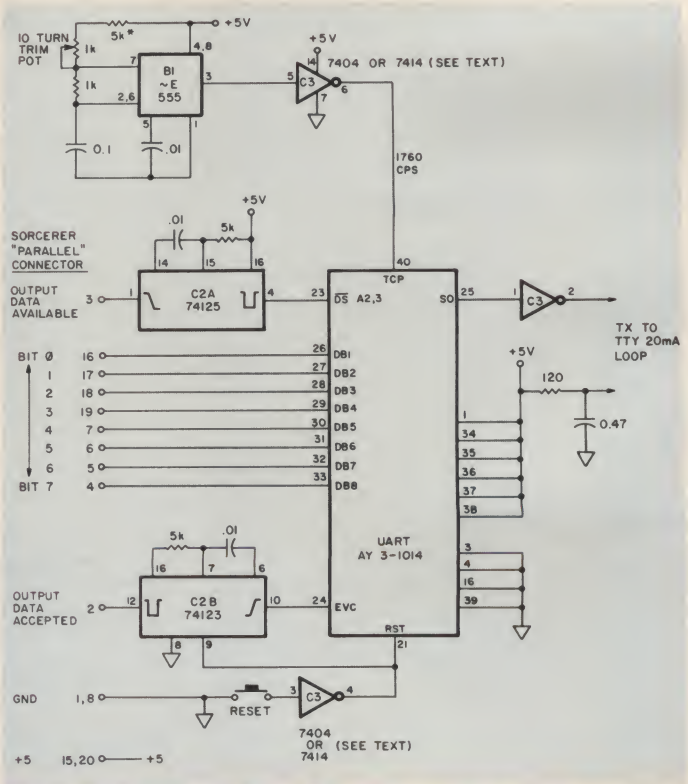


Fig. 1. The schematic diagram of the Sorcerer parallel port to 20 mA current loop interface. This circuit will provide transmission to the Teletype, allowing its use as a printer.

you to use the TTY keyboard or tape reader as input to the computer.

The only drawback of this circuit is that it requires a −12 V dc supply, and the Sorcerer does not have this voltage available on the back-panel connector. So if you need the input capability you will have to provide −12 volts at .02 Amps.

The photo of the circuit as built on an experimenter's breadboard (from Radio Shack) shows the parts layout as referenced in the schematics. Location A1 is in the upper left corner. The Sorcerer-to-TTY send (TX) and receive (RX) circuits both fit on half the board. The board plugs into an edge connector that can be mounted inside an appropriately sized cabinet. Power is provided by the computer's +5 V supply, accessible through the parallel-port connector.

The photo with model shows the interface board plugged into its edge connector and the cables that connect to the I/O port and to the TTY.

The circuit uses an NE 555 oscillator to provide both TX and RX clocks. You might have to select the value of the resistor marked 5k* to provide the correct 1760 Hz clock when the trimpot is in the center of its range under normal conditions. This oscillator is somewhat temperature sensitive, so the 1k trimmer is included in case drift of component values requires fine tuning of the clock rate.

The universal asynchronous receiver/transmitter (UART) used is the AY 3-1014, which operates from a single-supply voltage. It is often erroneously listed in the catalogs as AY 5-1014, since it replaces the earlier AY 5-1013, which needs two supply voltages. At times I have ordered it under this incorrect part number, since that number appeared in the catalog, and have always gotten the right part with the right number. Clear?

The other ICs on the board are 74123 one-shots and a hex inverter that can be a 7404 if the receive circuit is not going to be used. If the receive circuit is included, the IC in location C3 will have to be a 7414 instead of 7404. The 7414 has a Schmitt trigger input stage that is only required for the 20 mA loop input circuit.

The one-shots are used to produce narrow strobes, which the UART is happier with than the logic-low signals produced by the Sorcerer parallel-port handshake circuit. Their inclusion in this interface prevents any possible hang-ups of the handshake flip-flops in the computer.

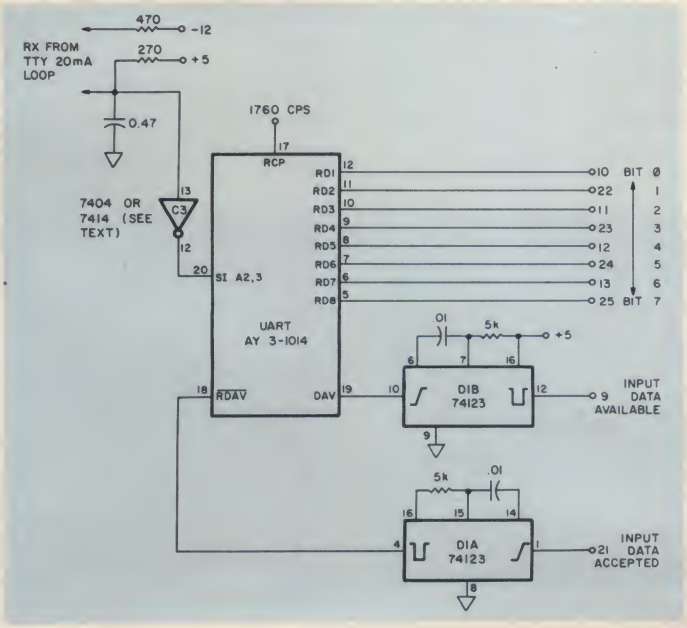


Fig. 2. The additional circuitry necessary to allow use of the Teletype as an input device for the computer. This part of the interface is optional.

The interface board with the cables that connect to the computer and to the TTY through the 4-pin Jones plug.

Testing, Testing, Testing . . .

With the TTY interface completed, you should run an ohmmeter check to ensure that there are no shorts between any of the pins on the DB-25 P connector. Connect the interface to the Sorcerer, turn on the power and press the UART RESET switch. This will initialize all the circuitry within the UART and will clear the Sorcerer's handshake flip-flops.

The TTY test program is written in the BASIC language supplied with the Sorcerer. It addresses the TTY through the parallel-port address of 255 decimal. This test routine will

```
10 PRINT "SORCERER TTY TEST  11 FEB 79"
20 GOSUB 300
30 FOR I=65 TO 96
40 X=I:GOSUB 200
50 NEXT
60 FOR I=33 TO 64
70 X=I:GOSUB 200
80 NEXT
90 X=32:GOSUB 200
100 FOR I=1 TO 5
110 X=255:GOSUB 200
120 NEXT
130 GOTO 20
200 OUT 255,X:GOSUB 400
210 RETURN
300 OUT 255,13:GOSUB 400:OUT 255,10:GOSUB 400
310 RETURN
400 FOR K=1 TO 60:NEXT:RETURN
```

The BASIC-language Teletype-printer test routine. This program will print lines containing all letters, numbers and punctuation marks.

print a line consisting of each letter, number and punctuation mark, followed by five rubouts that should not print on the TTY.

If you don't have access to an oscilloscope or counter to set the frequency of the 1760 Hz UART clock, you can run the test program while slowly adjusting the 1k trimmer. With any luck you will end up with the TTY printing the test lines as shown in Fig. 3.

```
ABCDEFGHIJKLMNOPQRSTUVWXYZ[\]↑←@!"#$%&'()*+,-./0123456789:;<=>?@
ABCDEFGHIJKLMNOPQRSTUVWXYZ[\]↑←@!"#$%&'()*+,-./0123456789:;<=>?@
ABCDEFGHIJKLMNOPQRSTUVWXYZ[\]↑←@!"#$%&'()*+,-./0123456789:;<=>?@
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ABCDEFGHIJKLMNOPQRSTUVWXYZ[\]↑←@!"#$%&'()*+,-./0123456789:;<=>?@
```

Fig. 3. The printer output resulting from the test program of the test routine. Printing will continue until interrupted from the keyboard.

Teletype Operation

The TTY interface can now be used in either of two modes. As in the test program, it can be addressed by a BASIC-language OUT 255,xx statement, where xx is the desired character code in decimal ASCII, as listed in the Sorcerer's manual. Since the TTY is such a slow device, you will need to delay between the output of one character and the next. The delay subroutine in line 300 of the test program will slow the Sorcerer down to a baud rate compatible with the TTY.

The Monitor program supplied with the computer can also be used to access a printer connected to the parallel port. To reassign the output device from the CRT screen to the TTY interface, exit to the Monitor with the BASIC statement BYE. When the Monitor prompts with the greater than (>) character on the screen, type in SET S = 20. This will set the output-device speed to a rate compatible with the TTY's ten characters per second. Now enter SET O = P, and the Monitor should stop writing on the screen and write to the TTY instead. A Monitor command of PP will return you to BASIC, which will now also output to the TTY instead of the screen. This way you can print out BASIC program listings. ■

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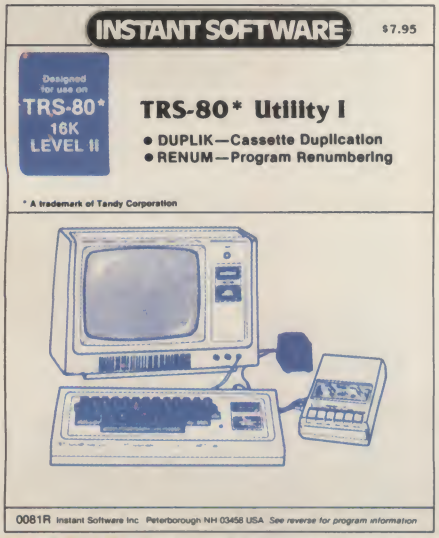

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These one-player games require a TRS-80 Level I 4K. **Order No. 0031R $7.95.**

DESTROY ALL SUBS/GUNBOATS/BOMBER This package of three programs is fun for the whole family. Included are:
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- **Gunboats**—One or two players can try to blow each others ships out of the water.
- **Bomber**—Carefully release your bomb to destroy the moving submarine. A one-player game.

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Requires a Level I 16K TRS-80. **Order No. 0037R $7.95.**

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- **Doodle Pad**—Draw pictures and save them on cassette tapes.
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- **Video Display**—Follow the bouncing cursor as your TRS-80 draws its own pictures.
- **Math Curves**—Bring those Geometry lessons to life as the computer draws six different geometrical curves.
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- **Profit and Loss**—With this program you can quickly get trial balance and profit and loss statements.
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CAVE EXPLORING/YACHT/MEMORY These three programs are not only fun, but stimulating as well:
- **Cave Exploring**—Search for fabulous treasures as you explore the magic cave. For one player.
- **Yacht**—A two player game of strategy and chance. The computer rolls the dice and keeps score.
- **Memory**—Two players can pit their memories in this program based on a popular television show. You'll need a TRS-80 with Level I and 16K. **Order No. 0010R $7.95.**

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- **Car Race**—You and a friend can race on a choice of two tracks.
- **Rat Trap**—Trap the rat in his maze with your two cats. For one player.
- **Antiaircraft**—Aim and shoot down the enemy airplane. Requires Level I 4K TRS-80. **Order No. 0011R $7.95.**

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- **Status of Homes**—This program will allow you to keep track of all the expenses involved in building one house or an entire subdivision.
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- **Sea Battle**—You must find and destroy the enemy fleet.

This package requires a TRS-80 Level I 16K. **Order No. 0041R $7.95.**

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- **Computer Composer**—Compose and play music using only a standard AM radio.
- **Horse Race**—Place your bet and cheer your pony to the winner's circle.
- **E.S.P.** Test your powers of extrasensory perception.
- **HI-Lo/Tic-Tac-Toe**—Guess the secret number or get three in a row.
- **Petals Around the Rose**—Can you figure out the secret behind the five dice?
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This handy financial control package for the home requires only a TRS-80 Level I 4K. **Order No. 0027R $7.95.**

Level II

SPACE TREK IV Trade or wage war on a planetary scale. This package includes:
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You decide, guns or butter, with your TRS-80 Level II 16K. **Order No. 0034R $7.95.**

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- **Doodle Pad**—Draw pictures and save them on cassette tapes.
- **Symmetrics**—An electric kaleidoscope that changes from black to white and back again. It's almost hypnotic!
- **Drawing**—like Doodle Pad, but for the serious artist. Over 40 user commands!
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- **Math Curves**—Bring those Geometry lessons to life. Six different geometrical curves on the screen of your TRS-80.
- **Rug Patterns**—Yes, it does design rug patterns and, with a choice of user or computer control, it can do a whole lot more.

For the Level II 16K TRS-80. **Order No. 0042R $7.95.**

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- **Ramrom Patrol**—Destroy the Ramron ships before they capture you.
- **Tie Fighter**—Destroy the enemy Tie fighters and become a hero of the rebellion.
- **Klingon Capture**—You must capture the Klingon ship intact. It's you and your TRS-80 Level II 16K battling across the galaxy. **Order No. 0028R $7.95.**

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- **Draw and Stud Poker**—These two programs will keep your game sharp.
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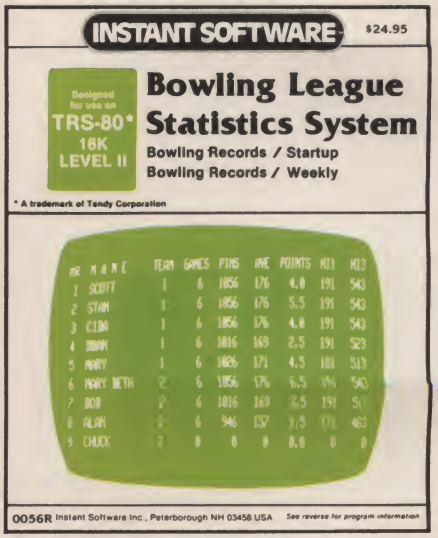

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Level I and II

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You'll need a TRS-80 Level I or II. **Order No. 0004R $7.95.**

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QUBIC-4/GO-MOKU Play two ancient games on your modern PET. The two programs included are:

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These one player games require 8K of memory. **Order No. 0038P $7.95.**

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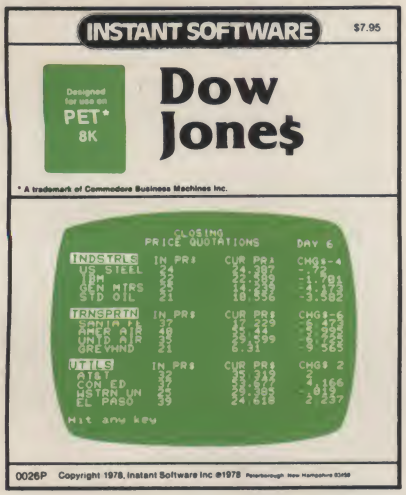

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- **Blackjack**—Try out this version of the popular card game before you go out and risk your money on your own "surefire" system. For one player.

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- **Checkers**—Let your PET be your ever-ready opponent in this computer-based checkers program.
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- **Tangle**—Make your opponent crash his line into an obstacle.
- **Supertrap**—This program is an advanced version of Tangle with many user control options.

Enjoy these exciting and graphically beautiful programs. For one or two players with an 8K PET. **Order No. 0029P $7.95.**

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- **Digital Clock**—Turn you PET into an extremely accurate time-piece that you can use to display local time, time in distant zones, and as a split time clock for up to nine different sporting events.
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- **Poker**—Play five card draw poker and let your PET deal and keep score.
- **Solitaire**—Don't bother to deal, let your PET handle the cards in this "old favorite" card game.
- **Eat-'Em-Ups**—Find out how many stars your gobbler can eat up before the game is over.

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- **Biorhythms**—Find out where your critical days are for physical, emotional, and intellectual cycles.

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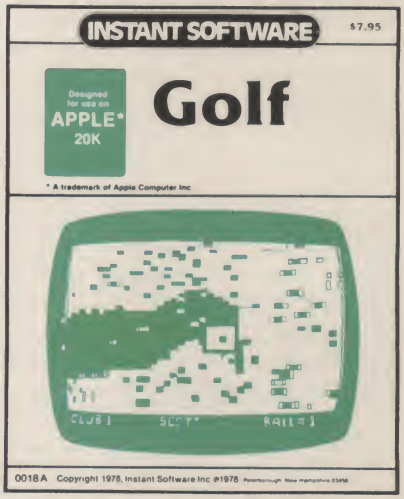
Apple***

BOWLING/TRILOGY Enjoy two of America's favorite games transformed into programs for your Apple:

- **Bowling**—Up to four players can bowl while the Apple sets up the pins and keeps score. Requires Applesoft II.
- **Trilogy**—This program can be anything from a simple game of tic-tac-toe to an exercise in deductive logic. For one player.

This fun-filled package requires an Apple with 20K. **Order No. 0040A $7.95.**



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An important question asked of almost all systems is their potential use in business. With this in mind, the Apple Computer Company has recently introduced two products: a firmware BASIC card and disk II. Combining these with the parallel interface printer card, the communications card (modem) and up to 48K, the Apple steps out as a leader in the field.

The single board computer provides many advantages but often limits expandability. Radio Shack provides expandability but requires the purchase of a $300 expansion interface. Apple has ensured expandability by integrating a seven-slot backplane in the existing cabinet. The slots, numbered 0 to 6, allow extension of the bus.

Firmware BASIC Card

Slot 0 is reserved for the Applesoft firmware card. This small printed circuit board contains Apple's 9-digit extended floating-point BASIC written by Microsoft). A unique feature of the card is a selection switch on the back side of the card. The two positions allow selection of floating-point or integer BASIC. This is a desirable feature in business applications as much of the text processing does not require floating-point arithmetic.

You might say, "What a nuisance it must be switching that switch!" I have trouble remembering to get everything hooked together correctly! Well, score one for the doctor (an apple a day, etc.)! The Apple performs automatic switching and selects the type of BASIC the program is written in.

The floating-point BASIC is an extended version containing most all of the commonly found functions and commands, full string-handling ability, outstanding graphics in color and runs extremely fast on the 6502-based system.

The most obvious feature missing (from a business standpoint) is the PRINT USING statement. The PRINT USING statement allows easy print formatting for reports. Without this, division calculations such as depreciation and amortization tables have a way of getting out of hand. (Try telling a new home owner his monthly house payment is $325.623492!) Without the PRINT USING statement, preparing columnar printing is difficult. Floating point will not display trailing zeros; consequently, left-justified output can be all over the page!

But alas, all is not lost. By using the available string capabilities, you can shave the numbers to two places to the right of the decimal, padded with zeros, if necessary, and the result can be printed right-justified. Not quite as easy, but essentially the results are the same.

The nicest thing about the firmware card is the memory-

Photo 1. Apple II and disk in good working position. Note the groove above the keyboard. This is the perfect place to put pencils or pens!

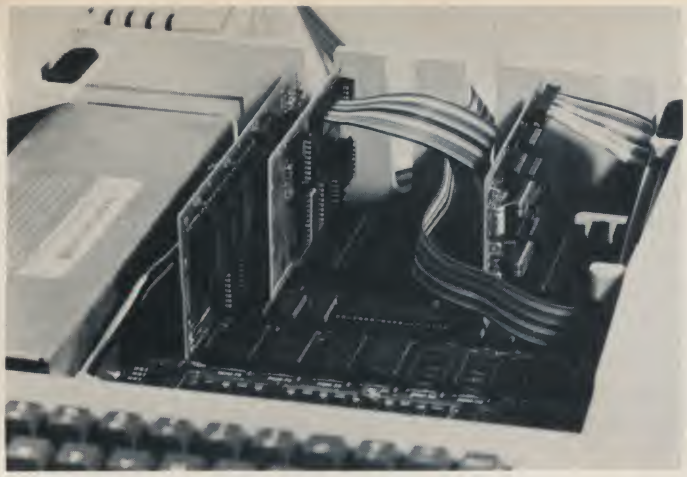

Photo 2. Inside the Apple II. Note the seven expansion slots. In this system they are utilized as follows: (left to right) Applesoft firmware BASIC card, parallel printer card and disk driver card.

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1200 CALL  - 936
1205 PRINT : PRINT "                                        "
1210 PRINT : PRINT "ENTER MISC COMMENTS  (OPTIONAL)": PRINT
1220 PRINT "40 CHARA MAX": PRINT
1230 INPUT "";MC$
1232 IF  LEN (MC$) < 40 THEN L =  LEN (MC$):E$ =  LEFT$ (P$,(40 - L)):MC$ = MC$ + E$
1234 IF  LEN (MC$) > 40 THEN E$ =  LEFT$ (MC$,40):MC$ = E$
1240 CALL  - 936
1250 PRINT " ** FILE BEING CREATED **"
1260 M1$ = N$ + A1$ + A2$ + C$ + A$ + B$ + PH$ + W$ + ER$ + O$
1270 M2$ = H$ + A3$ + HE$ + WA$ + O1$ + DR$ + A4$
1280 M3$ = S$ + N1$ + I$ + A5$ + MC$ + DA$ + DA$ + MC$
1281 B = 0
1282 R$ =  STR$ (N): IF  LEN (R$) < 5 THEN L =  LEN (R$):E$ =  LEFT$ (P$,(5 - L)):R$ = R$ + E$
1284 MD$ = N$ + A1$ + A2$ + C$ + I$ + N1$ + S$ + PH$ + R$
1285 PRINT : PRINT : INPUT "PRESS ENTER TO WRITE FILE ";Z$
1290 PRINT "OPEN NEW:MSTRS,L450"
1300 PRINT "WRITE NEW:MSTRS,R";NN
1310 PRINT M1$: PRINT M2$: PRINT M3$
1320 PRINT "CLOSE NEW:MSTRS"
1324 PRINT : PRINT " ** FILE WRITTEN **"
1328 PRINT "OPEN MSTR,L160"
1330 PRINT "WRITE MSTR,R";N
1332 PRINT MD$: PRINT B
1335 PRINT "CLOSE MSTR"
1338 N = N + 1:NN = NN + 1
1340 PRINT . PRINT . PRINT . INPUT "CREATE ANOTHER MASTER FILE  1=Y  2=N ";A
1350 ON A GOTO 310,1360
1360 PRINT "OPEN MSTR:PTR,L10"
1370 PRINT "WRITE MSTR:PTR"
1380 PRINT N
1390 PRINT "CLOSE MSTR:PTR"
1400 CALL  - 936: PRINT : PRINT : PRINT "POWER ON THE LINE PRINTER"
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Program listing.

conservation consideration. In a 32K system, a little over 30K is usable with BASIC up and running! From a cost-justification standpoint, a 16K memory add-on is $300. The firmware card, which frees up between 8 and 10K, was introduced at $100. Even with the loading speed of a disk BASIC, it's nice to have it running on power-on and to have the extra memory available.

Disk II

The primary requirement of an on-line, rapid-access business system is disk. Apple's approach to this need is ideally suited for the business community. Enter disk II. After getting over the dilemma of telling people that I was not buying an apple dish, but rather an Apple disk, I joyously set out to create wonderful disk-driven programs.

All was not in order, however, and after a frustrating weekend I wasn't sure if I had a disk or dish! I knew what was supposed to be happening but didn't. What made things even worse was that one of the demonstration programs worked fine! I could get the "Little Tan Box" to whir and click and make an assortment of interesting sounds, but file handling was, at best, uncooperative. I could save, load, rename, initialize, run, delete, lock, unlock and catalog to my heart's content, but the open/close and read/write commands just would not work.

The manual indicates "any DOS command can be used from within a BASIC program. This is done by printing a string that consists of a (control) D followed by the command."

Well, what exactly does this mean? I had become familiar with the simple open, close, read and write statements used by many other systems. The Apple requires the commands to be entered in the following manner: line # PRINT "CTL D OPENFILENAME,L". But the control D does not appear; instead, what you see is: line # PRINT "OPENFILENAME,L". The L followed by a number specifies the file length. It's easy to get all messed up, and this explains why my retyped version of the demo would not work.

Keeping the (control D) procedure in mind, I diligently typed away, saved the program, loaded and ran and it still didn't work! At this point my Apple disk was about to go the route of applesauce, but a call to Apple answered the question. Two extremely important points are not spelled out in the manual as clearly as they might be.

I/O to disk requires that files be opened (PRINT "CTL D OPEN FILENAME,L"), the usual read or write (PRINT "CTL D READFILE NAME" or PRINT "CTL D WRITEFILENAME") and then a PRINT statement such as PRINT A$ to send the string A$ to disk. To read, an INPUT statement, such as INPUT A$, accomplishes the task.

The manual indicates that all INPUT and PRINT statements executed subsequent to the READ or WRITE commands will I/O the disk. Well, that's exactly what happens! During a WRITE, all characters displayed on the screen or sent to the printer go to the disk.

What is required is to OPEN the file, PRINT or INPUT and then immediately CLOSE (or disable the READ/WRITE) the file prior to executing any other PRINT or INPUT statements. The program listing is a portion of a medical-office package I have written for the Apple.

The "NEW:MSTRS" file is opened at line 1290. The length is specified at 450 bytes. The "CTL D" is there, but remember, it does not show. Line 1300 sets the mode for output, and line 1310 sends the values for M1$, M2$ and M3$ to disk. Without the CLOSE at line 1320, line 1324 in its entirety, including line number and punctuation,

Photo 3. A view from behind. Note the cassette I/O and video jack. The ac cord detaches—convenient for moving the unit.

will be sent to the disk.

Random access file handling is achieved by specifying a relative record number (here the variable NN) as in line 1300. Sequential access handling is achieved by omitting the record number as in line 1370.

Record Length

The DOS manual does not make reference to the handling of more than one variable per record. This seems to imply that only one variable per record can be assigned. This means that a customer master file, for instance, which may contain a name, address, city, state, zip (three string variables), an ID, Social Security or customer number (a numeric variable), two or three status pointers (strings or numerics) and possibly a balance and special comments fields (numeric and strings), would require a separate READ/WRITE to handle each variable. This also means a separate record number for each variable. Using this procedure, you cannot read or write the entire file with a single record number.

This procedure *can* be accomplished by careful attention to record length, counting each character, considering signs for numerics and counting the carriage return as a character. As mentioned above, after a READ, all subsequent INPUT statements will READ from disk. An unlimited number of variables can be READ in this manner. The length specifier becomes of paramount importance here.

While the INPUT statement will read unlimited variables using a carriage return as the variable separator, the WRITE will write an unlimited quantity of variables up to the length specified in the OPEN statement. The next record will be written beginning with the byte position incremented by the OPEN length. If your file is OPENed for 100 bytes, and the record is 150 bytes, the last 50 bytes of the preceding record will be written over when the next record is written. Can be quite a problem if not managed.

In the program listing, 25 variables (lines 1260-80) are concatenated and written at line 1310. Here the length of the records is set to a maximum of 450 bytes.

Using this procedure, you can achieve tremendous disk flexibility because sectors or blocks, usually 128 or 256 bytes, do not have to be moved. No minimum number of sectors is required for a file, which allows the creation of a pointer file, for instance, that occupies as little as one byte. Line 1360 demonstrates a single variable record, 10 bytes long. This procedure allows large, multi-variable records to be handled with a single record number.

DOS

The disk operating system (DOS) is versatile. It occupies roughly 10K of memory, as opposed to the 2 to 4K in many other systems. For your 10K payment, you receive a substantial return on your investment. One of the most attractive is the APPEND command. This performs an OPEN, determines the last record written to the file and then writes the next record sequentially to the file.

The OPEN command sets pointers for read/write routines to the first record in the file. True random-access ability requires a selective record number.

The EXEC command allows keyboard immediate mode commands to be stored and executed from disk automatically. Programs can be "built" from disk files.

Another feature of the DOS is the ability to access any single byte within a record for manipulation or alteration. The DOS allows up to 16 files to be open simultaneously, and the Apple allows up to 14 disk drives to be controlled by the CPU. The format is soft sectored with 116K bytes of formatted space.

System Features

Custom initialization (booting the system with any program) provides truly professional applications. There are numerous other commands: direct memory image files, a POSITION command for random jumps with subsequent sequential reads and a VERIFY command that checks the data on disk for self-consistency, indicating that damage or incorrect writes have not occurred.

I needed a system that was small, lightweight and versatile to handle business applications. The days of a versatile desk-top computer system (that leaves you some space on the desk to write) are here. Photo 5 shows exactly how portable the system is.

The design of the Apple is well suited. The CPU keyboard is low and flat. Manuals and printouts can lie on *top* of it for reference. The folks at Apple even built a small groove above the keyboard—just perfect for some pencils.

As shown in Photo 4, the Apple, video, disk and printer all sit on top of my card table, and I have room left to write! (And the card table hasn't collapsed from all the weight either; the Apple weighs only about five pounds.)

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Photo 4. A compact and versatile system that fits on top of a table.

Photo 5. Have computer will travel. Shown here are cases to carry the entire system. Because of their light weight, the computer, disk and case weigh scarcely more than a bag of potatoes. Very portable.

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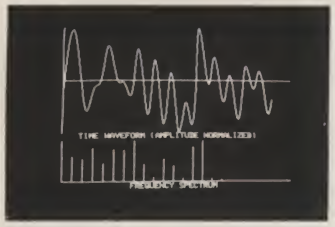

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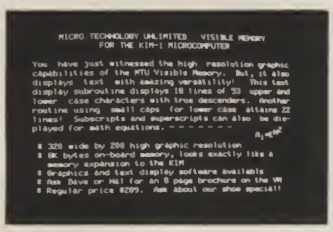

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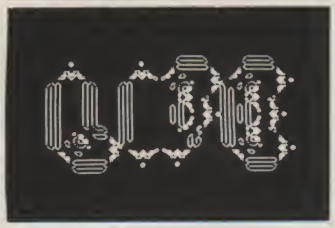

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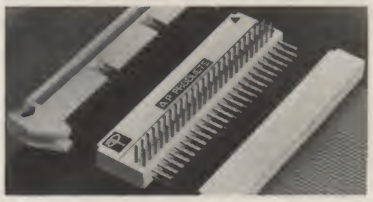

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The PAIA 8700

For under $200, you can have the computer that's thoroughly examined in this article.

Although personal computing is still in its infancy, the multitude of products that have been produced, or will soon be introduced, is enormous. From the Altair and its contemporaries to the PET, TRS-80 and KIM-1, the hobbyist and small businessman have a large selection of computer equipment to choose from.

You can spend thousands of dollars or you can spend a few hundred dollars. Since you get what you pay for, there must be different levels or capabilities of equipment to explain this large price range. Let's look at the bottom end of the scale and investigate one computer that is available for well under $200 and see what it will do.

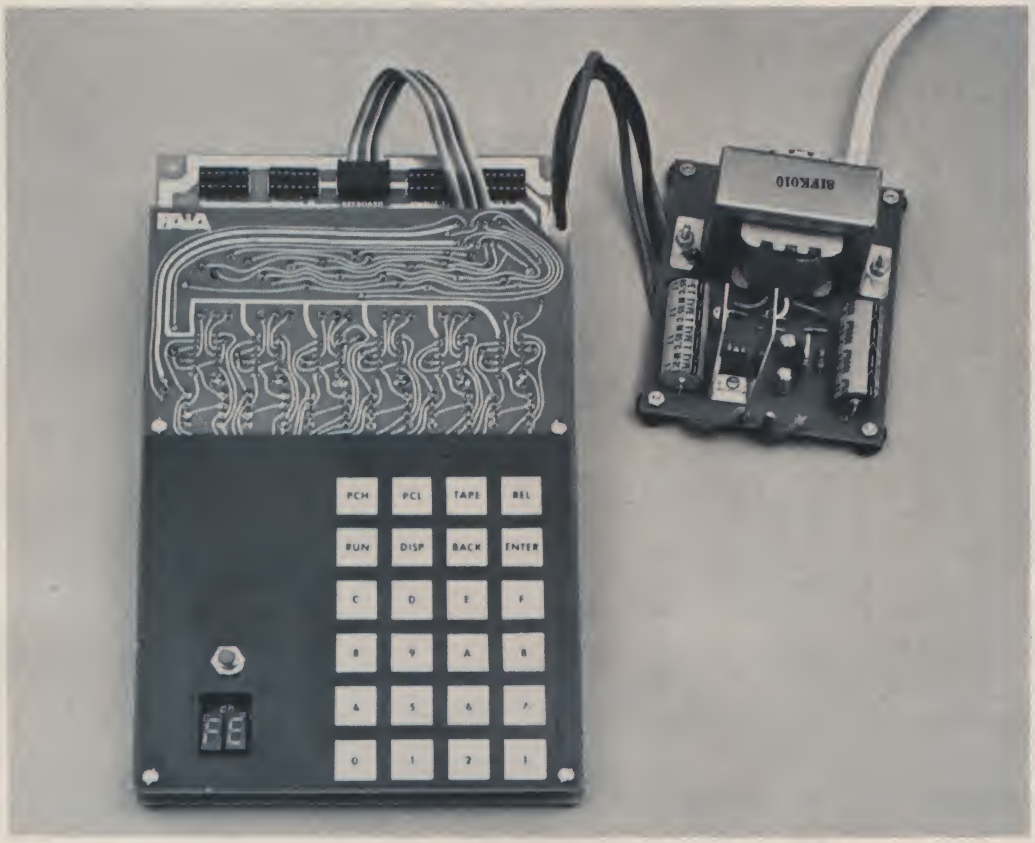

Photo 1. The PAIA 8700 and its optional power supply. The keyboard is mounted on top of the CPU board with 3/4 inch standoffs. The vacant IC sockets at the top are the input/output connectors. The expansion connectors are under the keyboard. Note the reset button and digital readout in the lower left-hand corner.

The PAIA 8700 is made by PAIA Electronics, Inc. (see Table 1 for address and prices). If you are into synthesized music, you are probably familiar with PAIA's extensive line of music synthesizer modules and systems. Write to ask them for their catalog. It contains many items that can be used in computer music systems.

The 8700 is the most compact computer I've seen (see Photo 1 to get an idea of what I mean). It is 6 x 10 x 1 inches overall and weighs less than a pound. These dimensions and weight do not include the power supply, which is an option and is external to the main unit as shown. The price of both is very reasonable.

Before discussing assembly and operation, let's examine its capabilities and limitations. First and foremost, this is not a general-purpose computer. It is intended for controller applications, and I will explore some of these after a while. The main limiter is the microprocessor: the MCS 6503 by MOS Technology, which is a little brother to the familiar 6502 used in the KIM-1, PET and Apple.

I call it a little brother because it is packaged in a 28-pin DIP (dual in-line package) and was designed for applications in which a lot of memory is not required. In order to put a 40-pin microprocessor into a 28-pin IC, something had to go. Part of


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that something was the address lines A12 to A15, which means that the 6503 is limited to 4096 bytes of addressable memory (2^{12} = 4096).

This is why you wouldn't want to consider the 8700 as your general-purpose computer. Even if you could squeeze in a BASIC interpreter, you wouldn't have much room left for entering and running programs. You must program the 8700 in assembly language if you are going to use it as a controller.

ADDRESS	CODE	LABEL	INSTRUCTION	COMMENTS
0000	A9 00	BEGIN	LDA #0	CLEAR ACCUMULATOR
0002	8D 20 08	REPEAT	STA $0820	DISPLAY ACC
0005	A0 00		LDY #0	CLR Y
0007	A2 50		LDX #$50	SPEED SETTING IN HEX
0009	C8	LOOP	INY	DELAY LOOP
000A	D0		BNE LOOP	BRANCH UNTIL Y = 0
000C	CA		DEX	CHECK SPEED
000D	D0 FA		BNE LOOP	BRANCH UNTIL X = 0
000F	F8		SED	SET DECIMAL MODE
0010	18		CLC	CLR CARRY
0011	69 01		ADC #1	ADD 1 TO ACC
0013	4C 02 00		JMP REPEAT	DO IT ALL AGAIN

Program listing. Loading and running this listing in the 8700 will cause the display to count from 00 to 99 continuously. The number stored at 0008 (50) determines how fast the count goes. Entering a smaller number here will make the count go faster. Changing 000F to D8 will change the count to hex. Can you tell why? This is, of course, written in 6502 assembly language.

Assembly and Testing

The 8700 comes in kit form, and our first task is to put it together and test it. The 60-page manual supplied with the kit makes both of these chores easy to accomplish. All part identifications are screen printed on the boards, which also helps.

Parts are installed and checked off one at a time. Mounting and soldering are explained, and a layout diagram is provided. Two circuit boards are involved in construction—the main (CPU) board and the keyboard, which, after construction, are mechanically bolted together and electrically connected with a 14-conductor ribbon cable that ends in a 14-pin plug for easy disassembly. I am an experienced kit builder, and my total construction time was one hour and ten minutes. Even if you take twice that long, this is still an easy one-evening project.

Here are my few negative thoughts on the kit. I guess Heath has spoiled me because I was surprised that no solder was supplied . . . especially since the nearest solder store is 25 miles away. I also like tinned, soldermasked boards. The main board is tinned but not soldermasked, while the keyboard is bare copper and has started to tarnish. I like tinned boards because they are easier to solder to and soldermasking cuts down on the chances of inadvertent solder bridges between closely spaced components.

Neither board is densely populated (see Photo 2), and if you're careful, bridges shouldn't be a problem. One design procedure that helps in this regard is the lack of traces running between IC pads on the solder side of the board. All of the ICs on the main board are mounted in sockets, but those on the keyboard are not. I prefer sockets for all ICs, and since those on the keyboard are CMOS it is fairly easy to destroy one during installation and have a devil of a time removing it again. You can provide your own sockets, as I did.

The only other complaint I have is that the power connector is an unusual type, and unless you buy the optional power supply you don't get the matching plug. I soldered wires from my supply directly to the connector posts.

The 8700 monitor PROM (PIEBUG) contains a "Self-Test Micro-Diagnostic" routine that is designed to help you troubleshoot the unit when you are finished putting it together. It is intended to be used in conjunction with an oscilloscope, but I ran through it with a logic probe and satisfied myself that everything was OK. You can't look at pulse widths or duty cycles that way, but at least you know whether the logic level is steady or pulsing and whether it is high or low.

Large, simplified schematics and flowcharts also help with troubleshooting. A complete source and object listing in hex of the firmware monitor (PIEBUG) with comments is a welcome addition. A memory map and interrupt, break and reset vectors are provided to make programming easier. It is probably well to mention that assembly-language programming of the 8700 is done in hex.

I hope that I haven't scared anyone with this talk about troubleshooting. It probably won't be necessary. The whole layout is very simple and even the novice builder shouldn't have any problem. The manufacturer stands ready and willing to provide help by mail or phone.

One unusual feature of the 8700 is the keyboard. Look closely at Photo 1. If the keys look like they are painted on the board, that's because they are! The keyboard has no moving parts. The capacity of your finger touching the desired keypad triggers an IC gate for data entry. It takes a little getting used to but quickly seems like the natural way to do it. The lack of moving parts should make for a long, trouble-free life. If you buy the cassette option, the keyboard will beep along with each key entry.

In addition to the *PAIA 8700 Assembly and Using Manual,* the kit also comes with the *MOS Technology MCS6500 Programming Manual.* This big 240-page 8½ x 11 inch book is a complete course on assembly-language-programming the 6500 family of microprocessors. I say family because there are almost a dozen different versions of the 6502. All variants, including the 8700's 6503, use the same instruction set. It is, therefore, possible to write programs for the 8700 on a larger machine and then transfer them. This would be especially desirable if the larger machine were running a 6502 assembler.

Note the options in Table 1. The cassette interface allows the recording and playback of your programs. The optional music programs listed are on cassette tape. I didn't purchase the power supply because I already had the necessary voltages available. The current requirements aren't given in the manual, but I measured mine at +5 volts at 400 mA and −9 volts at 45 mA. These must, of course, be regulated, and you can build a suitable supply for a reasonable price if you already have most of the parts. Otherwise, the power supply kit is a good buy.

The PAIA 8700 Package

I've discussed the 6503 microprocessor, but let's explore it just a little bit more. As I've said it is completely software compatible with the 6502 but has certain limitations because of its intended use. Missing, in addition to the address lines (A12 to A15), are the Ready, Sync and Set Overflow leads. This lack of leads will probably not limit system use, except for the curtailed addressing capability.

The 8700 has room for 1K of *RAM and 1K of ROM* on the CPU board. Provided with the kit are the PIEBUG monitor ROM (a 256-byte 1702) and 512 bytes of RAM (four 2112s). Another 512

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Software includes cassette tape, documentation and interfacing details for $4.95. Available without tape for $2.
Prices do not include postage.

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Table 1: The 8700 and its options, prices and manufacturer.

bytes of RAM can be added to the board for about $16 at current market prices. The MUS-1 PROM (see Table 1) contains a relatively complex music generator that can be installed on the CPU board. See the paragraphs about the expansion connectors for information concerning adding even more memory.

In order to make practical use of any computer, it is necessary to get information into and out of it. That is the purpose of I/O (input-output) ports, and the 8700 is well supplied with them. The on-board ports interface the keyboard and the digital display. The keyboard is operated by the capacity of your fingers and contains eight PIEBUG commands as well as the hex characters 0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 A B C D E F.

The only precaution in the use of the keyboard has to do with the TAPE command. The TAPE key should never be touched if you don't have the cassette option. Otherwise, you'll destroy any programs that you have in memory. The manual emphasizes this by warning that this will load your memory with garbage and eat your lunch!

Just to the left of the digit 8 in Photo 1 is a push button. This is the reset button, which is used to gain control of the processor each time that the computer power is turned on or when a program has gone astray. This latter problem will usually be caused by an incorrectly written program step that forces a continuous loop or branches to nonexistent memory.

Below the Reset button are two digital readouts that serve as a visual output port . . . sort of like a video screen that can only display two characters at one time. The two characters displayed are the last two that you have entered from the keyboard or the contents of a memory location if you key DISPLAY, ENTER, PCH or PCL (more on this later).

A latched eight-bit parallel output port is used to control external devices or processes. A strobe is also provided to indicate when the port has been loaded and when valid data is available on the data lines. Two pages are devoted to describing the operation and use of the output port. A simple program that will cause the port data lines to count from 0 to 255 in binary as an exercise is written. Information is also given on how to use the port data lines to control CMOS or TTL gates and transistor relay driver circuits.

Two eight-bit parallel input ports are also provided. These can be read by the processor, and the data derived can then be used by the program. The MCS 6500 family of microprocessors addresses I/O ports as memory locations. This is similar to the way the 6800 handles I/O. If a memory read instruction addresses an input port, then the data read will be whatever is tied to that port. Various methods of inputting information are discussed. Input ports rate two pages of the manual.

A cassette port is available if the cassette option is purchased. The option consists of parts that are installed on the

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CPU board. Recorder motor control is one feature that is provided. I have recently written for the cassette option but I haven't received it yet.

And finally, the data and address buses are available through expansion connectors. This will allow you to add more memory, peripherals, ports or whatever. While the data lines will handle five CMOS or one LS TTL load and the address bus will handle one TTL load, it is probably best if all lines extended off the board are buffered.

The NMI (non maskable interrupt), IRQ (interrupt request) and R/W (read/write) leads, as well as some other control lines, are also available at the expansion connectors. All of the I/O port and expansion connectors are 14-pin IC sockets. Connection to them is made with 14-pin plugs that have solder tabs on the top or ribbon cables attached to them. Many companies make both types of these plugs.

The monitor program contained in the *PIEBUG ROM* has some interesting features. I mentioned earlier the "Self-Test Micro-Diagnostic." In addition, each of the keyboard command functions is the result of a routine in PIEBUG.

Touching four hex keys and then DISPLAY will cause the contents of the location pointed to by the four-key entry to appear on the display. If you touch 001A and DISPLAY, then the display will hold the contents of that location. Touching ENTER will step the display counter by one and the display will hold the contents of the next location (001B). In this way, you can step through memory examining programs or data. To recap, the starting address is keyed in followed by DISPLAY and then the address count is incremented with the ENTER key.

Any time you want to change the contents of a memory location, you bring the location to the display (as described above), touch the new data and then ENTER. The new data will be entered and the address incremented by one to let you see the contents of the next location. The BACK key steps the address pointer backward by one with each touch.

After a program has been entered using the above keys, you touch in the starting address, DISPLAY and RUN. There is a short assembly-language program in the manual that is used as an example of how to enter a program (see program listing). This program causes the display to count from 0 to 99 and then start again. It will continue until you hit RESET. By making a few changes you can speed up or slow down the count. Make another change to place the count in hex instead of decimal. I believe that examples, even simple ones such as this, are the best way to teach a new subject.

The PCH and PCL keys display the current program counter. The manual calls these Pointer High and Pointer Low, but I prefer to call them Program Counter High and Program Counter Low, which is what I think PCH and PCL really stand for. The TAPE key has already been mentioned.

The REL key is an innovative time-saver. In writing assembly-language programs for the 6500 family, it is often necessary to figure relative addresses. A relative address is the number of address locations forward or backward a program must jump or branch to satisfy certain conditions.

Normally the programmer has to figure this out by hand. PIEBUG has a routine that does it for you. Whenever you enter an instruction that requires a relative address, you enter the absolute (actual) address of the jump or branch location and touch REL. The relative address will appear on the display and will also be entered at the correct memory location when you touch ENTER to move to the next entry address.

One plus feature of PIEBUG is a debug breakpoint routine. Any time that you want to stop a program at a certain point to examine the condition of the various registers, you substitute 00 for the op code at that point. When PIEBUG encounters a 00 op code during the running of a program, it will store all of the 6503 registers in certain desig-

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nated memory locations, cause the display to read bb and return control to the keyboard. By examining these designated storage locations you can determine how well the program is running at that point. You can also change any of the registers or memory locations and then start the program running again from there.

System Applications

That pretty well defines the hardware and firmware attributes of the PAIA 8700. There is certainly an awful lot crammed into such a small package. Your next question is, "OK, but what can I use it for?" Let's skim over some of the things you might want to do with the 8700.

The most obvious answer is, "Make music!" PAIA manufactures music synthesizers, and, strangely enough, some of their equipment incorporates a mounting space for the 8700. But your computer can make music without a synthesizer. For now I'd advise you to order their catalog or go back over your computer magazine back issues for music articles.

Another application that comes to mind is printer buffering for a bigger computer. Your processor moves along at a microsecond clip, but most printers are a thousand or more times slower than that. Instead of having the processor wait while each individual character is handled by the printer, why not let your big machine dump blocks of characters to the 8700 and then go back to computing while the 8700 feeds the printer?

This wouldn't gain you much in a situation where the majority of the program is concerned with printing, but if the program computes, prints, computes, etc., for a while, a lot of time could be saved. My biorhythm program is an excellent candidate for such treatment. While time is not money in most hobbyist situations, if you are impatient or a businessman trying to make money, it is.

I recently saw a program in one of the magazines to make a KIM-1 run like a clock. This same program with a little modification would probably run on the 8700. This is OK, but digital clock chips are inexpensive, and you wouldn't be able to use the computer for anything else since it would always be running the clock program. I imagine that many other programs that are written for the KIM will also run on the 8700.

Another possibility is multiprocessing. Multiprocessing involves two or more processors working together on one chore. Many tasks that would fit in this category come to mind. Suppose that you want to control an organ, music synthesizer or other instrument. Why not let your big machine do the programming, arranging, scoring and program execution. The 8700 could be the actual controller of the instrument, and it in turn would be under the control of the larger machine.

This same analogy fits many other situations. You might not want to tie up your personal computer controlling a solar energy system, your fire and burglar alarms and other chores that really call for a dedicated controller. That is what the MCS 6503 (and the PAIA 8700) was designed for. It could monitor various conditions through its input and output ports and interrupt the main computer when it decided that a situation was developing that needed to be taken care of.

Another possibility is a programming trainer. If each student had an 8700, he could write, debug and run sample programs in assembly language. The knowledge thus gained could subsequently be used on larger machines that use the 6502.

Conclusion

While doing some research for this article, I came across a review of the 8700 in the February 1978 issue of a magazine called *Electronics Australia*. The anonymous writer was generally complimentary, although he criticized the manufacturer for not providing enough information for the novice. He felt that the supplier's message seemed to be, "Here it is, you figure out how to use it." Actually, the same can be said about almost any personal computer maker.

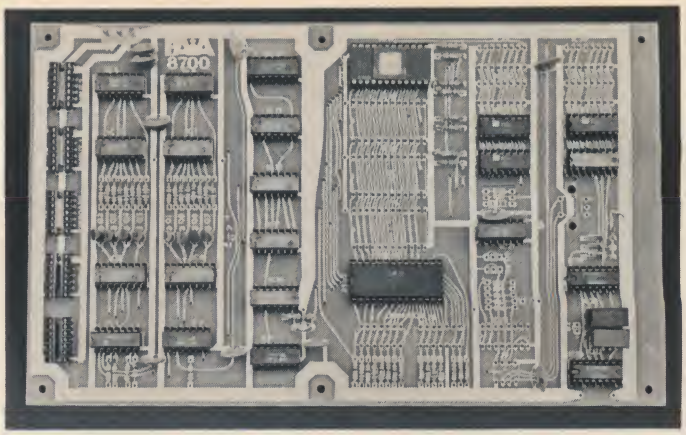

Photo 2. The PAIA 8700 CPU board. Notice the uncluttered layout. The 6503 CPU is just below the center of the board and the PIEBUG ROM is top center. The vacant socket positions from the center to the right-hand edge are for the cassette option, expansion connectors and additional RAM and ROM. The power connector is the three pins in the upper left corner. (Photos courtesy of PAIA)

At least PAIA attempts to explain the rudiments of programming and usage in their manual. The MOS Technology 6500 programming manual that they provide is also a great help for those of us who are not too familiar with the 6502 instruction set. I didn't get any of this type of information with my thousand dollar plus 8080 machine.

PAIA's foremost intention for this computer is, of course, the generation of music. Music is their business, and the fact that the 8700 fits into many of their synthesizers indicates their primary goal. But don't let that hide the many applications that are possible. I've touched on a few, but you should be able to think of many more.

I have always shied away from control applications with my SOL because I use it a lot for program writing, manuscript printing and general experimentation. With a separate dedicated controller I can investigate more areas of the world of personal computers at one time. I think that I'll work on the music and printer buffer ideas first.

Whenever I consider buying something new, whether it is computer related or not, I try to decide if it is worth what I'm going to have to spend for it. This takes into account such things as original cost, probable lifetime, utility and personal desires. I do the same calculations when evaluating a product or service for a review article such as this.

Is the PAIA 8700 worth the price asked for it or is there something else available at or near the same cost that will do the job better? Taking into account the limitations of the 6503 and considering its possibilities as a dedicated controller and its low price, I believe that it is a viable purchase in three areas.

First, for the novice who is short on cash, it makes a nice learning machine. He can move up to something more sophisticated later and then use this as a controller. Second, this is a good starting point for the music buff who would like to try his hand at computer music. Using the modules and systems available from PAIA or building from scratch, I believe that complex, sophisticated results are possible. Third, the dedicated controller applications already mentioned enhance its appeal.

I really would like to find a 6502 assembler that will run on my 8080 machine and then programming would move along at a greater pace, but in the meantime I'm learning 6502 assembly-language programming little by little. Taking into consideration all that we've discussed, is there a place in your plans for a compact, inexpensive, useful personal computer product? If so, consider the PAIA 8700. ■

Don't Throw Away That Monitor—Yet!

If you've had the problem of what to do with a monitor ROM using TTL output when you want to install a visual-display memory that gets its data from the data bus, then read on.

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What do you do with a monitor ROM that uses serial TTY output when you want to install a visual-display memory board that gets its data directly from the data bus? Having just solved this problem, I'll share with you my solution, which may be of interest to others in the same position.

Introduction

My system uses a Mostek F8 evaluation kit for the processor board. This board has a very good 1K monitor ROM, which I was loathe to discard. Output from this monitor is in the form of software-generated TTY serial data.

All was well while I was using a VDU board that accepted this TTY data. However, this board was on loan, and soon the time came for me to build my own VDU board. I decided that a VDU board that accepted data directly from the data bus was the only way to go, so I built up the board described by Don Alexander in the March 1977 issue of *73 Magazine* ("High Quality Display," p. 72). This performed very well, but there was still this basic incompatibility outlined above.

I/O Modification

I suppose the only final solution is to create a new monitor in EPROM memory, but an interim fix is possible. This solution, while implemented on an F8, is equally applicable to other processors that have an external interrupt capability. With this in mind, understand that the explanation that follows will be in general terms.

As you probably well know, a character in TTY format is preceded by a start bit that takes the output line low. Also, most external interrupt lines need to be taken low to generate an interrupt to the processor. What a happy coincidence this is!

By tying the output line to the interrupt line, an interrupt is generated every time the monitor attempts to output a character. At the time this start bit emerges, the character to be output is sitting waiting to be snatched up. (In the case of the F8 it is sitting in a scratchpad register.)

Apart from a few housekeeping chores, the interrupt service routine only needs to grip up this character and send it to the video output driver. A generalized flowchart is presented in Fig. 1. Since the F8 is somewhat of an orphan in the hobby field, I didn't supply the machine code, although I will if anybody wants it.

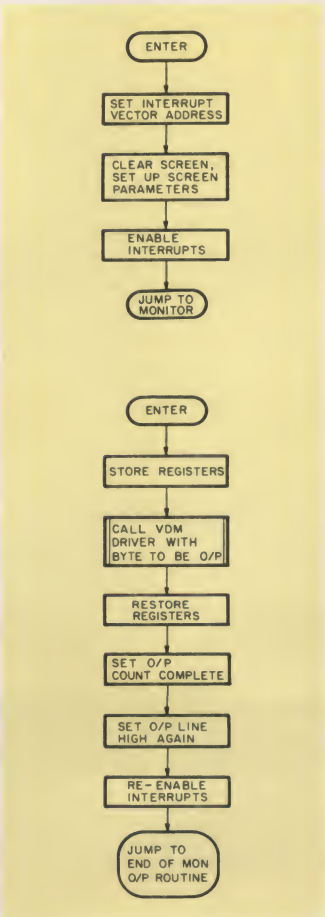

Fig. 1. Initialization and Interrupt Service routine flowcharts.

The only hardware required is a switch that switches the output line to the interrupt line. This must clearly be open if you are to continue to use the necessarily serial output for dumping programs to cassette.

My operating procedure is to load in the video driver from cassette (this driver will soon be in an EPROM) and then execute the initialize routine. This clears the screen, sets up the screen parameters and jumps to the monitor. This procedure is done "in the dark" as the screen is not available until this routine is executed.

Apart from this minor disadvantage, this scheme works well. There is no need to alter the output calls to the monitor as used in previously written programs, and new programs can call the monitor output routine as before.

Thus with one switch and a *little software*, you can make a very acceptable match between serial output and a parallel input video board. ■

Nerves

Just press a button—but do it at the right time!

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In this article I'm going to tell you about a BASIC-language computer game that doesn't require you to know the difference between a phasor and a bagel and won't even require you to add two and two. All you really need is the ability to read the score and have enough dexterity to press a key on the keyboard . . . at the right time.

The game of Nerves is basically a test of your ability to judge short (1 to 8 seconds) time intervals. Since the game is so simple—almost trivial—it makes an excellent demonstration game for parties and group get-togethers where your guests are less-than-experienced computer hackers.

Even though the game is simple, it does have enough excitement built in to prove appealing to different types of people. As a result, this game has been played by more people at my parties than any other. In fact, in the 10 to 20 minutes I hope you will spend reading this article, I could probably teach your ten best friends to play the game—one at a time!

As I said, the object of this game is to judge a time interval selected by the computer. When you start the game the

Program A.

```
0001 REM THE GAME OF NERVES
0002 REM BY MARK BORGERSON
0004 RESTORE
0015 DATA 121,160,20,119,160,20,125,128
0016 DATA 4,42,10,122,160,20,38,240,122
0017 DATA 160,21,38,235,126,225,172
0018 DATA 0,0,50
0019 REM POKE IN MACHINE LANGUAGE ROUTINE
0020  A=40980
0025 FOR I=2 TO 25
0030 READ D
0035 POKE( A+I,D)
0040 NEXT I
0044 REM POKE IN STARTING ADDRESS FOR US
ER ROUTINE
0045 POKE( 103,160)
0050 POKE( 104,22)
0055 READ C1,C2,D1
0070 PRINT
0074 REM PRINT THE CURRENT STANDINGS
0075 PRINT "ME:";C1,"  YOU:";C2
0080 PRINT "*"
0084 REM GET A RANDOM FACTOR BETWEEN -50
 AND +50
0085  D0=100*RND(0)-50
0090  D1=D1+D0
0094 REM CHECK FOR TIME TOO SMALL
0095 IF D1<30 D1=D1-D0
0096 IF D1>255 D1=D1-D0
0099 REM POKE DELAYS INTO USER ROUTINE
0100 POKE( A+1, D1)
0105 POKE( A, RND(0)*250)
0110  Q=USER(0)
0114 REM FETCH REMAINING DELAY
0115  S=PEEK(A+1)
0120 IF S<>0 GOTO 140
0125 PRINT "  TOO SLOW!"
0130  C1=C1+50
0135 GOTO 155
0139 REM SPLIT 50 POINTS BETWEEN COMPUTER
  AND PLAYER
0140  S1=50*(D1-S)/D1
0145  C2=INT(C2+S1)
0150  C1=INT(C1+50-S1)
0154 REM CHECK FOR END OF GAME
0155 IF C2>500 GOTO 175
0160 IF C1<500 GOTO 70
0165 PRINT "I WIN!!!"
0170 GOTO 180
0175 PRINT "AW SHUCKS, YOU WIN."
0180 INPUT "DO YOU WANT TO PLAY AGAIN";Y$
0185 IF Y$="YES" GOTO 4
0190 END
```

computer will print the initial score and then print an asterisk. Then it will jump to a machine-language routine that decrements the time counter while waiting for any key on the keyboard to be pressed. When you press a key, control returns to the BASIC program, which computes the scores for the player and the computer.

A total of 50 points is awarded in each turn. The number of points you will get depends on what fraction of the computer's time interval you wait before pressing a key. If you wait 98 percent of the time interval, you will get 49 points. If your nerves are shot and you hit the key after only 5 percent of the time, you will get about two points, and the computer will get the other 48. There is a minor hitch, though—if you wait too long the computer will tell you that you were too slow and take all 50 points!

To add a little spice to the game and keep you guessing, the computer will change the time interval either up or down by as much as 20 percent after each turn. If you manage to accumulate 500 points before the computer, it will grudgingly admit defeat. If it beats you to 500, it will gloatingly announce its victory. As you can see from the brevity of these instructions, this game won't overburden your mental resources.

The game is also simple enough so that it should fit nicely into 8K of memory along with 8K BASIC. With a little ingenuity you might even be able to convert it to run in a smaller system—as long as you retain the ability to jump to a machine-language routine. As written now, the game does use some of the string-handling functions of SWTP 8K BASIC.

The Programs

Program A, the BASIC program for the game of Nerves, is very simple, really. The computer simply POKEs a number proportional to a 1 to 8 second delay time into memory location 40981 (A015 hex). Then the computer jumps to a machine-language routine that periodically decrements this delay counter while testing for an input from the keyboard. The machine-language routine is shown in Program B.

Lines 4 to 40 in Program A write the machine-language program into the 128-byte RAM associated with the MIKBUG ROM in my system. If your computer is not M6800-based or doesn't have this memory area available, you will have to rewrite Program B to match your system.

Be sure to put the routine someplace where it doesn't interfere with your BASIC interpreter. You will also have to figure out how to test for keyboard input on your system if you don't use the standard MIKBUG control interface at address 8004 (hex).

Now that I've given you a description of the game and how it works, I'll give you one last piece of advice . . . don't take this game too seriously! Losing the game of Nerves should not reflect adversely on your skills as a programmer or your general capabilities as an all-around good person. This is a game that could probably be automated and sold by a toy company for about $20 . . . so don't start kicking your thousand-dollar computer if you don't win the first two or three games. ■

```
ADDRESS   DATA    SOURCE CODE

A016      79 A014  ROLL   ROL $A014
A01A      76 A014         ROR $A014   Wasting Time
A01D      7D 8004         TST $8004   Test Keyboard
A020      2A 0A           BPL RETN    If active, return
A022      7D A014         DEC $A014   Decrement time waster
A025      26 F0           BNE ROLL    Not 0, loop back
A027      7A A015         DEC $A015   Decrement delay counter
A02A      26 EB           BNE ROLL    Not 0, loop back
A02C      7E E1AC  RETN   JMP $E1AC   Jump to MIKBUG input rtn
```

Program B. This is the machine-language routine that decrements the delay counter while waiting for an input from the keyboard.

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Taking AIM

Here's an entry from Rockwell International: the 6502-based AIM 65.

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The AIM 65 from Rockwell International is a welcome new addition to the single-board microcomputer inventory. Based on the fast 6502, it has features and interfaces on-board that are well planned and useful. These include a small 20-column thermal printer, a 20-character alphanumeric display, a full keyboard, a computer-controlled dual-cassette interface, a TTY interface, an expansion area for static memory and read only memory (ROM), a powerful ROM monitor with mini-assembler, disassembler, cassette operating system and text editor.

Also included are two 44-pin connectors on board: one KIM-compatible expansion connector and one applications connector for TTY, cassette and parallel interfacing. A 6522 Versatile Interface Adapter (VIA) makes interfacing easier.

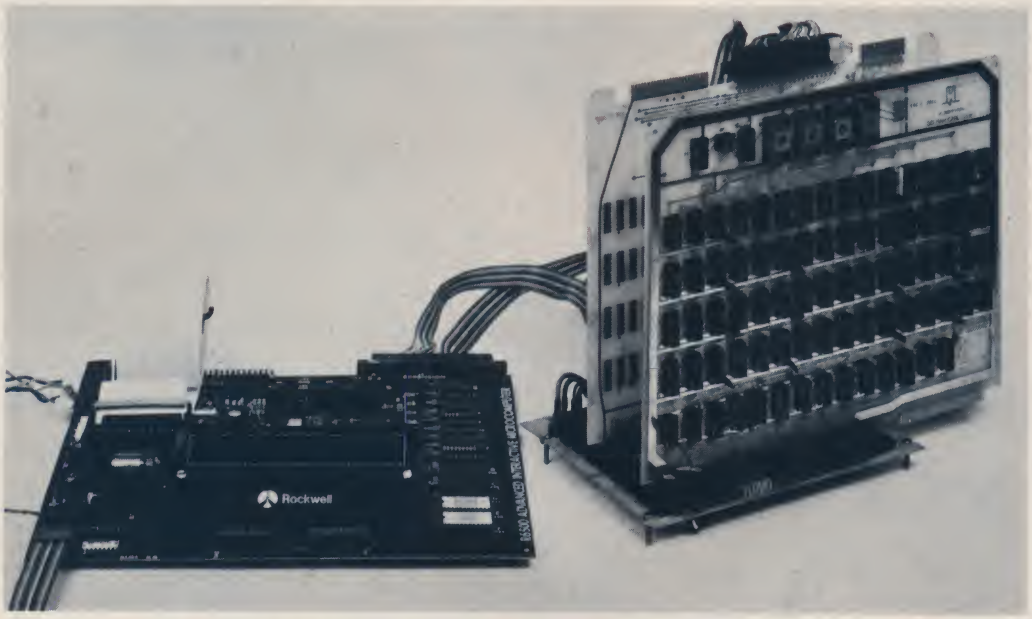
The AIM documentation consists of four well-bound paperback manuals and a large system schematic. No power supply is provided, however, nor any sort of video or graphics interface.

Priced at $375, the AIM 65 has features not available in other small microcomputer systems. Perhaps there is room for another 6502 system.

System Assembly and Power-up

The AIM arrived in a secure package, which included conductive foam on the underside of the printed circuit board to provide protection from static charges. The complete system consists of two separate modules—the keyboard and the PC board. The keyboard connects to the main board by a short, flat ribbon cable. Since there is no case, Rockwell has provided small self-adhesive plastic feet that support both modules. The AIM 65 user's guide contains helpful step-by-step assembly instructions with adequate drawings and diagrams.

Only two voltages are necessary to power the system: +5 V regulated at 2 A and +24 V unregulated at 2.5 A peak/.5 A average. The +24 V powers only the printer, so it is possible to run the AIM on a single 5 V supply without the printer. A heavy-duty terminal strip is provided at the left rear of the main board, thus allowing easy connection to the owner-provided power supply. The terminal strip also has connectors for +12 and −12 V dc, which provide the two 44-pin connectors with the extra voltages when needed for an interface. It took us at GSI Systems about ten minutes to unpack and connect the AIM. Upon original power-up, the display and printer indicated power-up reset by the sign-on message "Rockwell AIM 65."



The AIM main board and GSI 8K Static Memory Card. The flat ribbon on the left front of the AIM board is a longer cable to the keyboard (not pictured). The printer is smaller than a roll of paper. The memory card is Intel Multibus-compatible and has 4K of EAPROM (electrically alterable programmable read only memory).

The Keyboard, Printer and Display

The keyboard is a well-built, sturdy type conducive to fast and accurate touch-typing. The supplied ribbon cable that connects the keyboard to the master module should have been a little longer. We have inadvertently pulled the cable from the socket while moving

the modules. The keyboard has all the necessary keys for an uppercase-only system, including Escape and Delete and three user-defined function keys. A key labeled Print, when used simultaneously with the Control key, toggles the printer off and on. If the printer was off it is turned on, and vice versa.

At this time a printer-status message is displayed to indicate which of the two possible states the printer has entered—printer *down* or printer *up*. The keyboard is not decoded to ASCII before output to the system. The decoding occurs on the main module by a RAM I/O Interval Timer (RIOT), type R6532.

The printer is a 20-character-per-line dot-matrix thermal printer. A thermal printer actually burns the dots onto the paper to form alphanumeric characters and, therefore, requires special paper, which is available at $1.00 per roll. The paper is about the size of an adding-machine tape, and the characters appear in light blue color and can be difficult to read in a poorly lighted room. The printer is small and quiet, except when removing power from the system when it winds down, thus creating a sound like an electric motor losing speed. This is a small annoyance for a system full of so many other bonuses. Mounting the paper and feeding it to the printer is an easy task, and instructions are provided. The display is also 20 characters and is mounted at an angle making it easy to read. There are five four-digit 16-segment displays which allow full alphanumeric capabilities.

On-Board Memory

The AIM is supplied with 1K of on-board random access memory (RAM) in the form of two 2114s organized as 1K by 4-bit chips. The 1K is 1024 decimal, so two 2114s provide 1024 8-bit bytes. There are six empty RAM sockets, which allow a total of 4K bytes of memory on-board. The 6502 uses addresses $0000 to $00FF hexadecimal for registers and pointers that are normally called zero page. Addresses $0100 to $01FF hex are used for the stack and some I/O pointers. Maximum available system memory is 10K hex, or 40K decimal when you use external memory.

The expansion connector is supposedly KIM-compatible; therefore, adding memory to the AIM should not be much of a problem. We interfaced to Intel-compatible memory because it was available in the lab.

There are five 24-pin read only memory (ROM) sockets on board. Rockwell has chosen high-density ROMs that hold 4096 decimal bytes of code each. They are addressed from $B000 to $FFFF hex.

Two ROMs that contain the monitor, text editor, mini-assembler and other goodies are supplied (see the Monitor section, which follows).

A full assembler and an 8K BASIC interpreter are now available in ROM form.

ROM Monitor and Other ROM Goodies

Two read only memories on-board contain: (1) system monitor; (2) mini-assembler; (3) disassembler; (4) cassette operating system; (5) text editor.

This area of the AIM has impressed me the most. A lot of programming has been done by Rockwell to make programming for us as easy as possible. A Step mode executes one instruction and then allows for register trace, instruction trace and breakpoint examination. Separate single-letter initialized commands allow altering the index register, stack, program counter, accumulator and processor status words. Instructions can be entered by using standard 6502 mnemonics or by machine-language entry in hexadecimal. Programs can be disassembled from machine language into mnemonics with outputs to the printer and display. As many as three user-defined programs can be executed by the user-function keys, F1, F2 and F3, on the keyboard.

The text editor mentioned above can receive or store data from the keyboard or cassette, from paper tape or any device properly interfaced to the AIM.

```
<E>
EDITOR
FROM=200  TO=400

IN=
*HELLO KILOBAUD AND
*READERS EVERYWHERE
*
 HERE IS A SAMPLE OF
*THE AIM TEXT EDITOR
*USING AN UNMODIFIED
*TELETYPE AND THE
*INTERFACE DESCRIBED
*IN THE USERS
*MANUAL/
*FOLLOWING THESE LINES
*WILL BE A MNEMONIC
*ENTRY OF A TRIVIAL
*PROGRAM AND THEN A
*SHORT DISASSEMBLY.



<*>=220

<I>
 0220    LDA #00     A9 00
 0222    TAY         A8
 0223    TAX         AA
 0224    CMP (50),Y     D1 50
 0226    BEQ 0230     F0 08
 0228    INY         C8
 0229    BNE 0224     D0 F9
 022B    BRK         00
 022C    *=0230
 0230    BRK         00
 0231
<K>*=220
/
 0220 A9 LDA #00
 0222 A8 TAY
 0223 AA TAX
 0224 D1 CMP (50),Y
 0226 F0 BEQ 0230
 0228 C8 INY
 0229 D0 BNE 0224
 022B 00 BRK
 022C 53 ???
 022D 20 JSR 2041
 0230 00 BRK
```

Sample output from the AIM text editor.

The editor is primarily line oriented, but with a maximum of 20 characters per line this is a minor burden.

In fact, just having a text editor in a system of this price is a bit of luxury. The editor, by default, can determine the available system memory and use all of it (except for page zero and page one), or the user can define the allowed buffer space.

The cassette operating system is interactive. Files can be recorded with names of up to five characters on either of two cassette recorders that can be turned on and off by the computer. When a file is loaded, a sequential search by file name is done automatically until the correct file is found and loaded. This cassette operating system is a great step forward for the small-system users who probably will never have a disk drive. We did, however, have some noteworthy problems with the cassette interface.

Cassette Interface

There are two on-board cas-

sette interfaces that can be controlled directly from the keyboard, or you may choose to operate the cassette-players manually. We were unable to find in the manuals a Rockwell-recommended cassette recorder, so we used the Panasonic RQ-2309 and the Apple-recommended Panasonic RQ-309. The user's manual does contain a program for testing the "write to" and "read from" functions. This program displays a Y or an N to indicate whether proper reading has occurred. The program listing has a few mistakes, but we fixed them (see the corrected listing). When properly entered, this program is useful for a quick test.

A whole chapter in the user's manual is devoted to all areas of cassette and Teletype interfaces, including proper connections for cassettes that might be grounded differently. But even with all of this information we had trouble obtaining a reliable cassette operation.

We purchased two AIM 65 systems in two days, and both of them required much attention before satisfactory cassette operation was achieved. (On the positive side, we should say that we bought the second system because we liked the first one.)

The first area of difficulty was the course-adjustment VR1. The voltage on both boards was out of tolerance. According to the user's guide it should have been within one-tenth of a volt of two and a half volts.

The second difficult area was harder to find but easy to remedy. The AIM writes data out to the cassette in blocks of 80 characters. In between the blocks is an inter-record gap of characters (ASCII 16), which is four times the amount contained in memory location $A409.

The assembly comment in the monitor listing for address $A409 is "Timing Gap Between Blocks." Eric Johansson of the GSI R and D staff found that operation became reliable when the inter-record gap was increased. He changed the $08 in location $A409 to $20. He also found differing reliability in the same system when the remote-control interface was not used. That is, it worked better using one cassette recorder manually than when using the same system and recorder under remote control. We also found that removing the ac line cord and operating on batteries improved the cassette operation in some instances. Obviously some hacking around was necessary for us.

```
0300    JSR F21D    20 1D F2
0303    JSR F24A    20 4A F2
0306    JMP 0303    4C 03 03
0309    *=0310
0310    LDX #00     A2 00
0312    LDA #CE     A9 CE
0314    JSR EF7B    20 7B EF
0317    JSR EDEA    20 EA ED
031A    LDX #00     A2 00
031C    LDA #D9     A9 D9
031E    JSR EF7B    20 7B EF
0321    JSR EE29    20 29 EE
0324    CMP #16     C9 16
0326    BEQ 0321    F0 F9
0328    BNE 0310    D0 E6
</> 0309 EA EA EA EA
</> 030D EA EA EA
<K>*=300
0300 20 JSR F21D
0303 20 JSR F24A
0306 4C JMP 0303
0309 EA NOP
030A EA NOP
030B EA NOP
030C EA NOP
030D EA NOP
030E EA NOP
030F EA NOP
0310 A2 LDX #00
0312 A9 LDA #CE
0314 20 JSR EF7B
0317 20 JSR EDEA
031A A2 LDX #00
031C A9 LDA #D9
031E 20 JSR EF7B
0321 20 JSR EE29
0324 C9 CMP #16
0326 F0 BEQ 0321
0328 D0 BNE 0310
```

Corrected test program.

The only problem we have encountered using the AIM 65 has been in the cassette area, but it is a real plus for a small system to have dual remote-controlled cassette interfaces.

Zero Page, Stack and the 6532

The 6532 is a powerful I/O interface chip with interval timer and two software-controlled 8-bit data ports. Also on the chip are 128 bytes of static RAM, which is used by the AIM monitor for storage of keyboard, printer and tape variables, monitor registers and a zero-page simulator. This RAM is addressed at $A400 to $A4FF and does not interfere with precious page zero or RAM available for programs. When the text editor is not being used, virtually all of the zero page is available to the programmer.

The stack in 6502 systems begins at $01FF and works down toward $0100. Because it is rare that the stack ever uses the lower half of page one, the AIM monitor uses that area—$0100 to $016F—for the disassembler and assembler, I/O handlers and breakpoints. The use of the 6532 RAM and lower part of the stack area allows clean access to contiguous memory from $0200 to $9FFF with most of zero page available.

Documentation

Congratulations to Rockwell. Rare it is indeed that a recently available small system arrives with such complete and easy-to-read manuals. Two of the four well-bound manuals are nearly identical copies of the MOS 6500 hardware and programming manuals. The Rockwell programming manual explains the addressing modes and registers and flags of the 6500 series microprocessors. Another manual is a complete, well-commented, monitor listing that includes headings for each function.

The fourth manual, the user's guide, covers all topics peculiar to the AIM 65, such as instructions for use of all monitor commands, memory map, keyboard interface and VIA interface. This last manual contains a few errors and, unfortunately, most of them occur in the program listings.

Also provided with the AIM are two handy-size reference cards. The AIM 65 Summary Card has a complete list of all monitor commands as well as a list of monitor subroutines that might be used often. The R6500 Microprocessor Programming Reference Card contains everything a programmer might need to reference including addressing modes, hexadecimal and decimal conversion, relative branch tables, ASCII table and register diagram. The documentation package is impressive.

Conclusion

We have here a single-board system with an alphanumeric display. It needs a power supply but has a nice little *printer*. An assembler and BASIC are available as options to add to the fine monitor. A 20 mA Teletype interface and a cassette interface are on-board. It can read and write KIM-compatible cassettes and has a cassette operating system. On-board memory is expanded to 4K, and a powerful I/O chip is provided for further expansion to any peripheral. The system is well documented. The AIM 65 is quite a lot of little system. ■

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How to Silence a Noisy Computer

Electronic noise can cause a host of glitches in digital circuits. Here's what some of the chip manufacturers have to say about the problem . . . and what to say about its cures.

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In the present day and age of home-brew computers, there are many newcomers to the world of digital electronics. With all the kits available, many first-time computerniks are trying to economize and put things together for themselves. In addition, there are people with varying degrees of logic experience who are designing and building their own interfaces for a multitude of peripherals.

Many are probably discouraged, and justly so, with their own initial efforts of building interfaces from scratch because of problems associated with intermittent electronic noise. It is also a good bet that a number of kits being marketed are sold without proper noise protection.

Noise problems are something that many design engineers of micro/mini-computer systems are plagued with, and on many first attempts at a design, noise considerations are overlooked. So it is not there simply to intimidate the novice designer.

Weik's *Standard Dictionary of Computers and Information Processing* defines noise as:

"1. Random variations of one or more characteristics of any entity, such as voltage, current, sound or data. Noise is generally unwanted, although some types of noise are used. In the case of data, the noise, appearing as meaningless extra bits, characters or words, must be removed from the data at the time they are used.

"2. In communications, the sum of all unwanted or disturbing power introduced into a communications system from any sources, such as crosstalk, power induction, atmospheric conditions or electronic circuit components.

"(Synonymous with *static*.)"

Noise can cause a wide range of problems, most relating to data transfers. The garbage and garble that appear within your system, especially your brand-new interface board, may be because you haven't properly filtered the board against resonant and switching frequencies that may interfere with the operating frequency of the board.

The solution to this is decoupling, or bypassing, those unwanted frequencies to ground. Information regarding decoupling is rather sketchy, misleading or nonexistent, because each manufacturer has his own set of guidelines, and those that are supplied will differ.

Take a look at what some of the chip manufacturers are telling us (and most of them hide these suggestions deep within the text of their chip data books; some make no mention at all in the printed material that normally would be available to the average hobbyist):

Signetics:

Decoupling. "Current spiking and Vcc noise are generated internally within the circuits due to the overlap in conduction of the upper and lower transistors in the totem-pole outputs, the difference in Icch and Iccl and the changing of load capacitances. The power-supply decoupling rules for standard TTL apply to low-power Schottky also (i.e., 0.01 uF per synchronously driven gate and at least 0.1 uF per 20 gates regardless of synchronization).

On-board Regulation. "In most digital systems, there is a large current requirement, and the current supplied usually comes from a main supply. TTL logic tends to generate current spikes during switching due to the overlap in conduction of both the upper and lower transistors thus creating Vcc noise. An on-board voltage regulator could be used not only to regulate the power supplied to the circuits on the board, but also to isolate the noise otherwise propagated to the rest of the system. Systems designed using this technique would not need tight regulation on the main supply."

ITT:

"External inputs should be brought on the printed-circuit connector at right angles to the other wiring, the printed circuit itself being laid out to ensure the least coupling between input and other connections. Decouple every ten gates or their equivalent MSI (and LSI) functions with 0.01 uF to 0.1 uF capacitors of rf rating."

National:

"Vcc and ground wiring should conform to good high-frequency standards so that switching transients on Vcc and ground leads do not cause interaction . . . use of a 0.01 to 0.1 uF capacitor between Vcc and ground located near (the chip) is recommended.

"Pointing out . . . these transient currents and their magnitude demonstrates the need for using bypass capacitors . . . If there is significant inductance in the Vdd, Vss, and/or Vbb lines, serious voltage transients will result unless sufficient bypass capac-

itors are used. Requirements vary with actual application, but 0.1 uF, from Vdd to Vss and from Vdd to Vbb for every other (chip), is usually sufficient ... Since bypass capacitors are attempting to defeat line resistance and/or inductance, it is important to place them physically as close to the (chips) they are intended to bypass. Using one centrally located capacitor is effective for decoupling transients generated on one board from getting into another board, but usually will not help decouple transients internal to the board."

Intel:

"Power distribution is ... important. Although most static MOS and bipolar devices draw relatively constant current from the power supplier, MOS output circuits, particularly those of p-channel MOS, can contribute significant transients to power supplies. Bipolar devices with relatively low pull-up resistors and those with three-state outputs can also induce significant transients. To ensure proper operation of both memory and the surrounding circuitry, power supplies should be adequately bypassed. Ceramic capacitors in the .001 to .05 uF range are recommended, with one capacitor being used for every one to ten parts."

Mostek:

"... Proper power distribution and bypassing techniques are required to maintain system power-supply noise levels at an acceptance level. Low-inductance supply lines for Vdd and Vss are desirable. A minimum of one 0.01 uF, low inductance, bypass capacitor per two ... devices and one 6.8 uF per eight ... devices on each of the Vdd and Vbb supply lines is desirable."

As you can see, there is a considerable difference in opinion as to just what comprises an adequately decoupled board, but based on experiences, I recommend the following:

1. You can't have too much decoupling, so buy your 0.01 uF, 50 V, +80%, -20%, Z5U-type ceramic capacitors by the pound.

2. Add one of those capacitors to every chip on the board that drives more than one circuit. Mount them between all logic voltages used on the board and ground, and with the capacitor as physically close to the chip as possible.

3. Use one 6.8 uF, 50 V electrolytic capacitor for every eight chips on the board. A smaller voltage value may be used.

4. Use one 0.1 uF, 50 V tantalum capacitor alongside every 6.8 uF.

5. Use one 20 uF, 10 V, 10 percent electrolytic capacitor across the +5 V and ground near the input to the board.

6. In order for decoupling to work, the common mode noise between ground and power must be kept to a minimum, as decoupling mainly affects differential power noise. This means that the power supply leads should be as large as possible.

7. Voltage buses should be as wide and as thick as possible. The extra metal will present lower impedance to the power supply. Also, voltage bus runs should be kept separated; long, parallel land patterns of voltage and ground tend to act as large plates of a capacitor (in this case, undesirable). If they must cross each other (on opposite sides of the board), they should do so at right angles.

8. On-board regulation circuitry is up to the discretion of the builder.

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PET Wrap-up

If your PET is feeling the memory crunch, haul out the wire-wrap tool and relieve the shortage.

After using the Commodore PET for several months, I came to the conclusion that it would be advantageous at times to have more than 8K of memory for such things as a text editor, larger programs in BASIC, storage of large amounts of data for later storage on tape, etc. Here is a description of an 8K RAM expansion that you can add to your PET for about $160.

Since the PET became available late in 1977, one of the many questions asked has been, "Where can I get more RAM to plug in and where do I plug it in?" There are many good sources for S-100 RAM boards, but you won't find a place to plug them into a PET without purchasing an S-100-to-PET interface adapter. These are now available from several sources. Several manufacturers have also announced RAM expansion for the PET. Although PET does not have an S-100 bus, it does have four external ports available.

PET's Ports

One of the PET's interface connectors is designed to conform to the IEEE 488 bus standard. This bus system was designed to standardize and simplify the interconnection of peripheral devices on a common bus. Any device can talk or listen to any other device on the bus as long as it is equipped with 488 interface logic. Voltmeters, scopes, waveform generators, plotters and other equipment are being produced with this interface for control.

Another port is a typical 8-bit parallel interface with two additional bits that can be used for control signals. Also on this same connector are signal outputs for connecting a remote monitor, output signals from the built-in and external cassette recorders and provisions for the diagnostic test system.

A third port is the second cassette recorder I/O. Commodore does have a recorder available for about $100; it plugs into this port ready to work.

The final port is the one of interest for memory expansion interfacing. This is a dual 40-contact, card-edge connection. Fig. 1 shows the pin-out for the expansion port and lists a mating connector.

Expansion Port Details

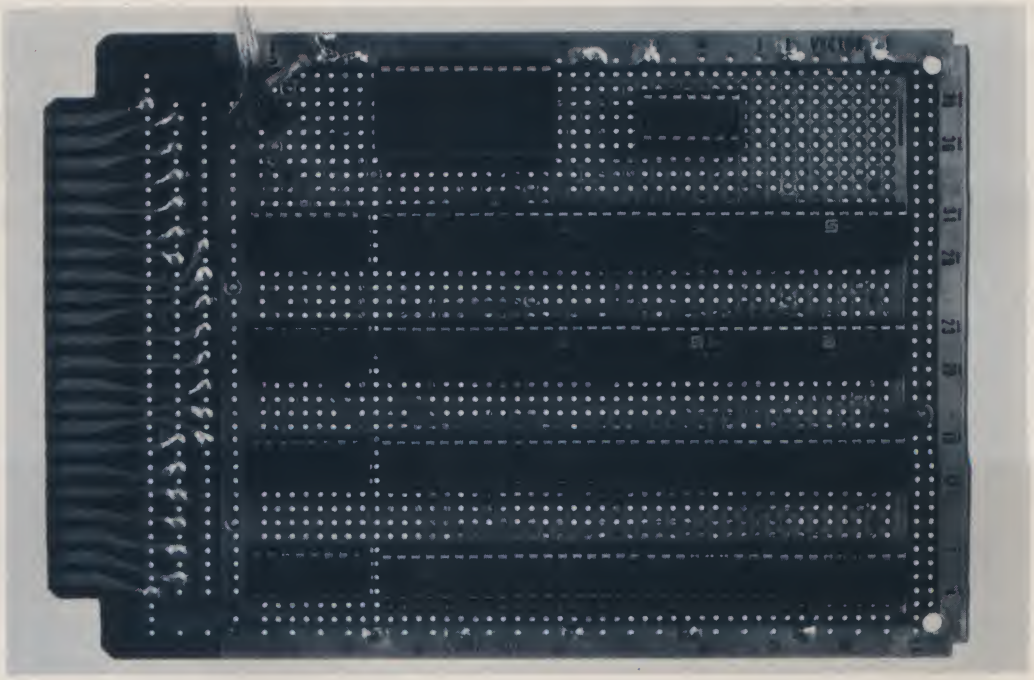
Address bus lines A0 through A11 are brought out to this port. The upper four bits (A12 through A15) are internally decoded by the PET's logic and brought out as 4K block select lines, $\overline{SEL}$1 through $\overline{SEL}$9, and $\overline{SEL}$ A and B. Each of these lines respectively selects a contiguous 4K block of memory in the PET's memory map. A 4K block is selected when the respective $\overline{SEL}$ line goes from a logic 1 to a logic 0.

Other lines brought out to this connector are: RES (reset), IRQ (interrupt request), BØ2 (phase 2), R/W (read/write) and the 8-bit data bus labeled BD0 through BD7. Of these, we will use the data bus lines and the R/W line.

Memory Chip Selection

There are scores of ICs to choose from when you design a RAM memory system. You must analyze the system requirements: speed, power, timing, interface problems, etc. Select the RAM that will best meet the requirements and be easy to interface and cost effective.

I chose the 2114 RAM series, specifically the 2114L-3, for several reasons. The 2114 is organized as 1K × 4 static RAM and will interface easily in the design. Also, the 2114 is widely used commercially and is readily available from many of the advertisers in *Kilobaud MICROCOMPUTING*. The price varies



Top view. The author's version was wire-wrapped on a Vector 4112-4 wire-wrap board. Power supply connection can be seen in lower right corner. (Photo by Al Spiroff)

from about $8 to $11, depending on the speed and power version. The 2114L-3 is a low-power version with 350 ns cycle time. The standard version will also work in this design—drawing about 1.1 A versus 800 mA for the low-power versions per 8K of RAM.

The Circuit

Fig. 2 shows the schematic diagram of the 8K expansion. The data bus lines are buffered by IC3 and IC4 (8T26). These are bidirectional buffers controlled by the gated R/W line. When the R/W line is a logic 1, signal flows from the expansion board to the PET. Signal flow is from the PET to the expansion board if R/W is a logic 0. The R/W line and the address bus lines are buffered by IC1 and IC2 (8T97).

IC5 (74LS154) is a four-line to 16-line decoder. Its function here serves to decode a 4K block select and each 1K within the block. Since the 2114 is organized as 1K × 4, a pair must be enabled for 1K of 8-bit words addressed by A0 through A9. Therefore, the combination at the input of IC5, $\overline{SEL}2$, $\overline{SEL}3$, A10 through A11 determines which pair of 2114s will be selected by outputting a logic 0 to the pair's CS (chip select) pins. ($\overline{SEL}1$ is not used because it decodes a 4K block in the PET's internal 8K memory.)

Thus we are using eight consecutive outputs of the 16 possible. These are the outputs that are a logic 0 when the highest weighted inputs ($\overline{SEL}2$ and $\overline{SEL}3$, in this case) are either a logic 1 and a logic 0 or a logic 0 and a logic 1, respectively.

The function of IC6 is to keep the PET from reading or writing data to the expansion when that portion of memory is not addressed. It does this by sensing the block select lines and gating the R/W line through only when one of the lines is a logic 0. Transistor Q1 serves as an inverter to offset the inversion of IC6.

Although A10, A11, $\overline{SEL}2$ and $\overline{SEL}3$ are not buffered on the expansion board, they are not heavily loaded and will operate satisfactorily if no additional loads are placed on them.

Construction

The photos show my construction on a wire-wrap board. Laying out and making a PC board for the expansion is a time-consuming and tedious job. Unless you plan to make several boards, wire wrapping is the way to go. Using pre-cut and stripped wire takes the drudgery out of the job. Total assembly time of the board is about four hours. One- and two-inch wire lengths (insulation length) were mostly used, as well as a few three-inch lengths.

The Vector 4112-4 wire-wrapping board seems perfect for the job. A ground-plane construction is furnished on the top of the board, and supply bus lines are conveniently run between the rows of IC pads on the bottom. The ends of these bus lines should be tied together to help prevent noise on the supply bus. A heavier strip

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10  N=0
20  I=2↑N
30  PRINT I
40  FOR J=8192 TO 16383
50  POKE J,I
60  IF PEEK (J)<>I THEN 110
70  NEXT J
80  N=N+1
90  IF I<128 THEN 20
100 GOTO 200
110 K$=STR$(INT((J-7168)/1000)+6)
120 X=15:Z=240:A$="A":B$="B"
130 IF I>8 THEN X=240:Z=15:A$="B":B$="A"
140 IF (X AND PEEK(J))<>I THEN PRINT"PROBLEM WITH IC " K$A$
150 IF (Z AND PEEK(J))<>0 THEN PRINT"PROBLEM WITH IC " K$B$
200 END
```

Memory-test program. This BASIC program will test each bit position in all the 2114s. If there is a problem the program will stop, giving the IC location by number of the schematic.

A1	A0
A2	A1
A3	A2
A4	A3
A5	A4
A6	A5
A7	A6
A8	A7
A9	A8
A10	A9
A11	A10
A12	A11
A13	NC
A14	NC
A15	NC
A16	$\overline{SEL}1$
A17	$\overline{SEL}2$
A18	$\overline{SEL}3$
A19	$\overline{SEL}4$
A20	$\overline{SEL}5$
A21	$\overline{SEL}6$
A22	$\overline{SEL}7$
A23	$\overline{SEL}9$
A24	$\overline{SEL}A$
A25	$\overline{SEL}B$
A26	NC
A27	$\overline{RES}$
A28	$\overline{IRQ}$
A29	$\overline{B02}$
A30	$\overline{R/W}$
A31	NC
A32	NC
A33	BD0
A34	BD1
A35	BD2
A36	BD3
A37	BD4
A38	BD5
A39	BD6
A40	BD7

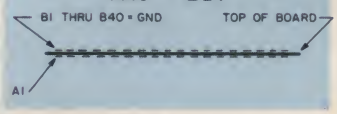
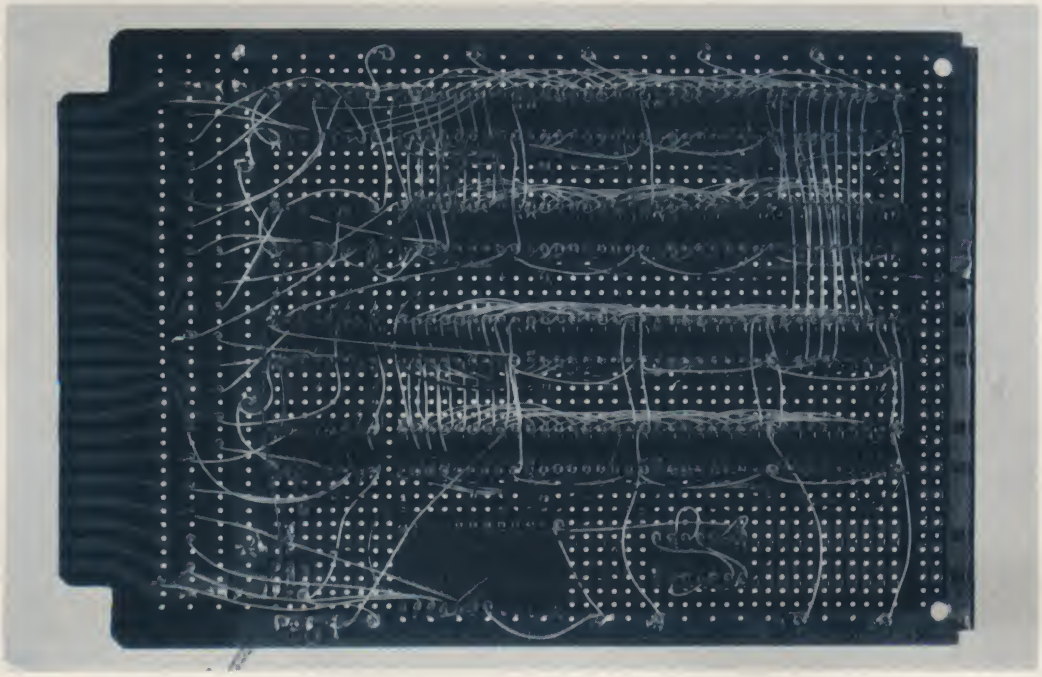
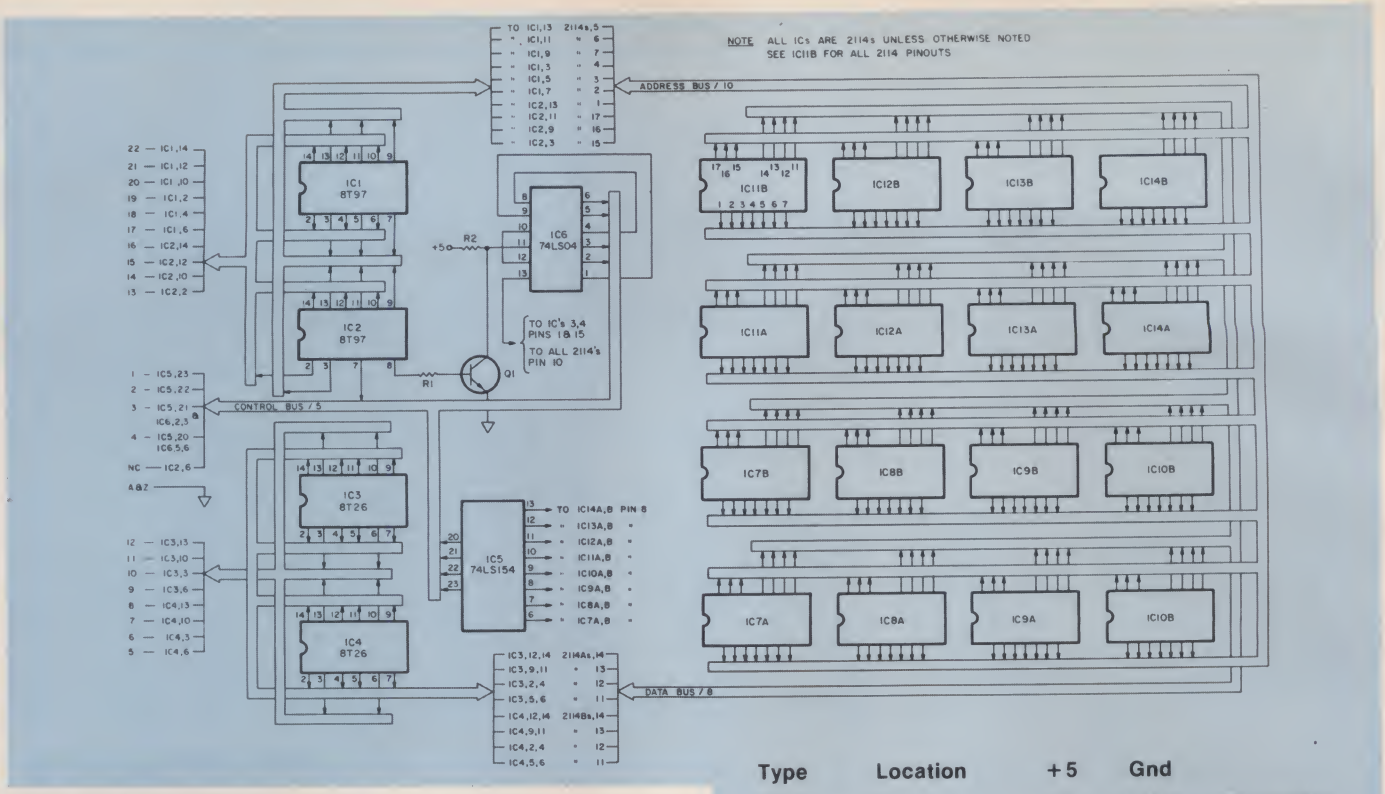


Fig. 1. PET's expansion port. PET's memory expansion port is a double-row, 40-pin, .1 inch spacing edge connection. Suggested mating connectors are: Cinch 251-40-30-410, Viking 3KH40/1JN5 or equivalent.



Bottom view. Wire-wrapping simplifies assembly. For further ease of assembly use precut and stripped wired. Keep wires short and direct.



Type	Location	+5	Gnd	
8T97	IC1, IC2	16	1,15,8	Q1-2N3904
8T26	IC3, IC4	16	8	R1-18k, ¼W
74LS154	IC5	24	12,18,19	R2-4.7k, ¼W
74LS02	IC6	14	7	
2114	IC7 A&B thru IC14 A&B	18	9	

Fig. 2. Schematic. Keep lead lengths short and as direct as possible to avoid noise problems. Wire wrapping on the Vector 4112-4 wire-wrap board simplifies construction, and errors are easy to correct.

around the edge on the underside serves as the common bus. The sockets are held in by soldering the four corner pins to the tinned-foil IC pads.

The +5 V supply line should be bypassed in about four places. These should be distributed around the board—two, one on each end, at the heavy positive supply bus near the edge connector and two or more along the ends of the buses that run between the ICs. These should be good-quality ceramic disk capacitors at .01 uF to .1 uF capacity and 10 V dc or more voltage rating.

Fig. 3 shows the pin-out connections for connecting the PET to the expansion RAM. The connector to mate with the wire-wrap board is a 22-pin, double-readout (two rows), .156 inch spacing . . . a stock item at most parts stores.

Modifications

If memory address lines A10 and A11 were buffered on each board there would be no reason why identical boards could not be made and added to fill PET's 32K RAM capability.

Keep in mind that each 8K board with low-power versions of 2114s and interface ICs will draw about 1.1 A.

Conclusion

To the best of my knowledge the PET power supply cannot handle the additional load of the expansion board current requirements; an external power supply will be needed.

Still, the entire package can be put in a relatively small housing and sit next to the expansion port of your PET. Because of the way the PET checks to see how much memory it has to work with when it is first turned on, power must be applied to the external RAM at the same time or before the PET is turned on. After initialization the PET should read:

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***COMMODORE BASIC***
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Don't forget that your PET uses 1K of RAM to store variables for the operating system.

The memory-test program will check every bit location in each RAM of the expansion board. It will display on the CRT the binary weight of the bit position being checked. If a problem is found, the program will print the location of the questionable RAM. It is in BASIC and takes about nine minutes to run. As an exercise, write one in machine language and note the run-time difference.■

PET Connector	Function	8K RAM Connector
A1	A0	22
A2	A1	21
A3	A2	20
A4	A3	19
A5	A4	18
A6	A5	17
A7	A6	16
A8	A7	15
A9	A8	14
A10	A9	13
A11	A10	1
A12	A11	2
A17	$\overline{SEL2}$	3
A18	$\overline{SEL3}$	4
A30	$\overline{R/W}$	N
A33	BD0	12
A34	BD1	11
A35	BD2	10
A36	BD3	9
A37	BD4	8
A38	BD5	7
A39	BD6	6
A40	BD7	5
B1 & B40	GND	A & Z

Fig. 3. Interconnecting cable. Interconnection of the PET expansion port and the 8K RAM expansion. Cable length should be one foot or less.

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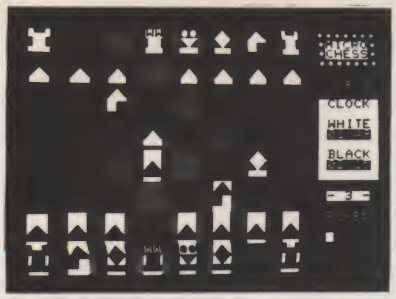

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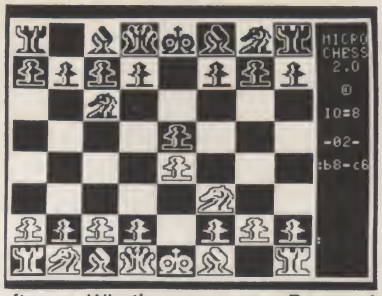

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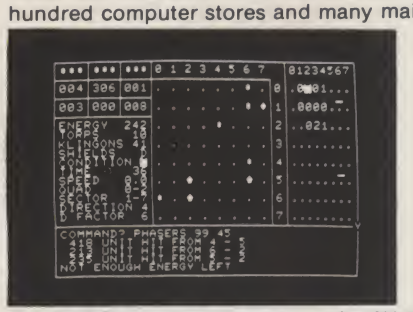

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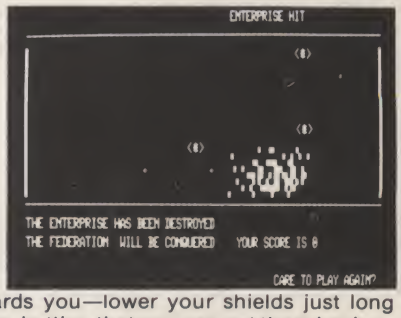

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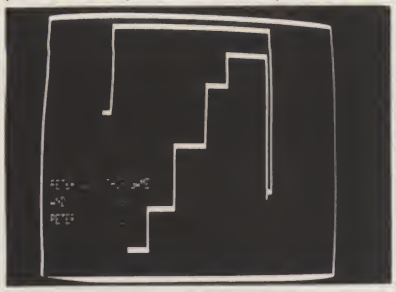

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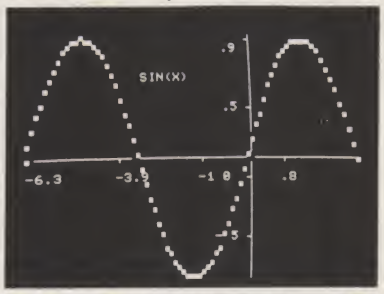

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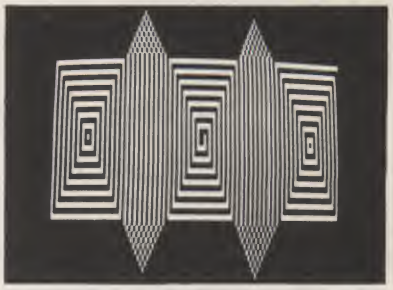

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Machine-Language Monitors for the TRS-80

First you can learn about machine-language/monitors from this discussion. Then you can use the comparative evaluation of three monitors to choose one for your TRS-80.

If you have acquired a beginning knowledge of BASIC, you probably face the question: "What next?" If you also own a TRS-80 Level I 4K, as I do, your next-step choice comes down to Level II BASIC, machine language or more memory for larger programs. Even if you already have Level II, machine language should probably be on your learning agenda.

When I bought my TRS-80 in August 1978, I anticipated going on to Level II within a month. Actually, within a few weeks, I bought T-BUG, the Radio Shack monitor for machine-language operation. I've found the experience so absorbing that I have temporarily postponed adding both Level II and 16K memory.

In this article I will recount some of my experiences learning about monitors and machine language.

Machine Language

My starting assumption is that you don't yet know machine language but are considering learning it. If you think it's "too difficult," I hope that I may encourage you to change your mind.

I also assume you know that the Z-80 microprocessor core is an 8080 with wings. Forget about the wings. Walk before you fly. Learn 8080 code first and only go on to the Z-80 embellishments when you're ready. Taken one step at a time, it all makes sense.

Since the TRS-80 has BASIC in ROM, it is ready for operation moments after you turn it on. This appeared to be the limit of the machine during its first year of sale. Simplicity of operation was a major selling point emphasized by Radio Shack in its impressive promotional campaign.

However, the article in the June 1978 *Kilobaud* ("It's Here: Machine Language for the TRS-80" by Dr. Jack W. Crenshaw, p. 90) was instrumental in my decision to buy a TRS-80. The ability to learn machine-language programming was the clincher. Radio Shack underestimates the usefulness of the TRS-80 for those who wish to use the Z-80 core of the machine by learning assembly and machine languages.

Name	Supplier	Length	Price
T-BUG	Radio Shack (RS)	.9K	$14.95
System Monitor (SysMon)	Esstoo-Deetoo Products (S2-D2)	1.0K	9.45
RSM-1	Small System Software (SSS)	1.7K	17.95

Table 1. Machine-language monitors for the TRS-80.

How Many Monitors?

Having bought T-BUG, I soon became dissatisfied. Radio Shack's documentation and guidance are not adequate for the novice. RS even admits that T-BUG is primarily for those who already know the language. To me this doesn't make sense. Certainly it didn't apply to me.

I then discovered three other monitors advertised in the September 1978 *Kilobaud*. Would one of them have been a better investment or provided better assistance to the novice? That question supplied the reason for buying three extra monitors in order to write this article.

Regrettably, Temon, from Web Associates, which was also advertised and which I also purchased, had not arrived by the end of four weeks. That exceeded the time I had available for this article. I therefore cannot include any data or comments about Temon. The three monitors I was able to evaluate are listed in Table 1.

Why a Monitor?

My understanding is that the term "monitor" is applied to the most elementary software product there is. It liberates the computer operator from the switches and lights that adorn the front panels of the first-generation home computers. Those switches and lights enable you to (1) examine the contents of any memory location, (2) change the contents to code of your own selection, (3) step readily to the next memory location (and examine or change it), (4) initiate or run a program from a chosen address once a sequence of instructions and data has been entered and (5) interrupt, halt or reset the computer during operations.

Once these basic functions have been provided (by software rather than by hardware), other functions may be added —memory dumps, breakpoints, displaying internal registers, storing programs for later reloading . . . all these and more capabilities become possible.

A monitor will usually be in ROM, whereas BASIC or any other high-level language will usually be read into working memory from cassette or other external storage. In the normal case, the added programs will utilize calls to the monitor for performance of available subroutine functions. The TRS-80 configuration reverses this procedure by having BASIC in ROM and the monitor loaded from

cassette.

For reasons not clear to me, the available monitors use fewer calls into BASIC than I would expect. Routines in BASIC, however, are used for tape-save and tape-load operations.

Primary Monitor Features

Table 2 shows all the functions and commands used by T-BUG and the S2-D2 System Monitor (SysMon). These two monitors are almost identical from a functional standpoint, although they use different letters as commands for the various functions. SysMon has a hex dump; T-BUG does not.

T-BUG is loaded into memory at 4000 to 43FF (hex), but the area up to 4100 is largely unused. It is therefore about .9K in length. SysMon resides at 4C00 to 4FFF, a full 1K byte length. S2-D2 recommends that user programs start at 4200. Memory up to that location is used by BASIC for cassette and other operations.

Documentation supplied by RS and S2-D2 differs slightly. Each provides a Mostek mini-manual that is almost impossible for the novice to use. Each supplies some information in the brief accompanying documentation that the other does not furnish. The novice must have other books or aids to use the monitor's capabilities in learning machine language.

Because T-BUG and SysMon are so closely comparable, you may not consider T-BUG worth its 58 percent higher price, unless spot delivery is vital.

Table 2, incidentally, shows only a small portion of the features of RSM-1. The surprising revelation of the Table 2 comparison is that RSM-1, the Cadillac of the array, does not provide register display or breakpoint control. I have found both of these functions a great advantage in learning how the machine-language codes actually work within the computer. I would not like to be without them.

Supplemental Monitor Features

In the course of my working with T-BUG for about six weeks, my best indication of functions I would like a monitor to possess came from needs that T-BUG did not fill. I will comment on several of them.

Clear Screen. In experimenting with memory use and discovering how easily the CRT is addressed (as memory locations from 3C00 to 3CFF), I soon came to the conclusion that I would like to be able to clear the screen with a single-letter command. So I studied T-BUG and disassembled it enough to learn how to change it. My first addition was C to clear the screen and put the monitor prompt (#) at the upper left. Incidentally, of the three monitors reviewed, only RSM-1 has a clear-screen command.

Memory Dump. Examining memory contents one address at a time seemed unnecessarily time consuming. Accordingly, my next addition was D for a memory dump. However, I wanted to be able to read the code easily, so I put only eight bytes of code on each line and skipped lines. Addresses for the start of each line are shown at the left. (T-BUG reserves the first 16 bytes of each row for monitor use, so user programs such as this memory dump must start after the first 16 locations.)

I wrote the code so that the initial memory address was replaced by that for the last of the lines. In that way, additional uses of D move the dump forward through memory as a controlled, easily readable scroll.

By comparison, each of the two monitors that provides the dump command shows 16 bytes per line for a full screen. That would be fine for printing and hard-copy storage . . . but for reading on a CRT? I like mine better. What's more, I can change it any time I want.

Search. In my learning process I wanted to find out where in BASIC or in T-BUG certain codes were used. One way to do this is to dump the full program and scan it visually. But this sort of question is ideally answered by a stupid computer that has been told *how* to do it.

The result is that I created a search subroutine (S) to locate a specified byte, print the three bytes preceding and the two bytes after and show the addresses of both the first byte and the search byte. In that way it will be difficult to make a mistake on addresses.

The additional bytes, of course, are necessary to judge whether each occurrence is a valid use of the instruction code or, alternatively, whether it may be an ASCII code or part of a memory address. Repeated uses of S display the subsequent occurrences of the code sought.

Fill Open Memory. I also wanted to zero-out unused memory space and, by this time, knew it would be easy to do. So I added a Z command and specified a starting and ending address. The S2-D2 monitor does this automatically on each loading for all memory it does not occupy. However, a voluntary command seems preferable to me.

Graphics Display. The TRS-80 contains a code for graphics shapes that is different from that used in either Level I or Level II BASIC. I discovered this by accident and spent some time creating a system for classifying the different forms.

I thought it would be nice to have a one-letter command to display this discovery, so I used K to call up a full array of alphanumeric and graphics figures. It certainly doesn't belong in a "monitor," but it's *my* monitor and that's where I have it.

If you haven't yet discovered these graphics fundamentals, be sure to check what codes 81 through BF do. (Code 80 is blank, like 20). Open memory locations between 3C10 and 3FFF and enter them, one at a time. Why hasn't Radio Shack mentioned this?

Function	Monitor Commands T-BUG	SysMon	RSM-1
Monitor Prompt	#	?	Command?
Examine Memory, one byte	M	O	E
Examine Memory (Dump)	-	H	D
Change Memory	Enter Code	Enter Code	Enter Code
Step Memory Forward	Enter	Enter	Enter, Sp Bar
Terminate Function (Return to Monitor)	X	T	Break
Execute a Program	J	E	G
Examine Registers	R	D	-
Set a Breakpoint	B	B	-
Remove a Breakpoint	F	R	-
Cont. Prog. after BP Removal	G	C	-
Save a Program on Cassette	P	S	W
Load a Program from Cassette	L	L	R,L

Table 2. Primary monitor functions and commands.

Other Monitor Features

So far I have said little about RSM-1 and have not mentioned RSM-1S. The latter is identical to RSM-1 except that it includes a 1.8K symbolic dump using Zilog mnemonics. It also costs $23.95 instead of $17.95.

Although the symbolic dump is scarcely a part of an ordinary monitor, I bought the larger package because I wanted to see how this feature worked. Having spent more than a month laboriously looking up codes and creating my own source listings for T-BUG and some other programs, I found the operation of this feature little short of phenomenal. It is well worth the $6 extra cost.

As an example of one of its

capabilities, Z-80 code uses numerous relative jumps, given in hex. Calculating the real address to which the jump refers is a pain in the posterior. RSM-1S, however, does this in a flash. Good old stupid computer!

There is only one precaution: Start the dump at an instruction code, not an address. Otherwise, the address will be interpreted as an instruction code. The same thing applies to ASCII code. It is a sophisticated dump, not a foolproof disassembler.

ASCII Dump. I'd never heard of or thought about an ASCII dump until RSM-1S arrived. Such a dump essentially converts and displays any ASCII-coded text that is incorporated in a program. Applying it to BASIC, I was surprised to see lines that read: HOW?, READY, WHAT?, SORRY, CLOAD and so on. What an aid this feature would be in interpreting any game listing or program that included text messages!

RSM-1 has a substantial number of other features: keyboard echo, move memory, test memory, verify blocks of memory, interchange blocks of memory, convert hex codes to decimal and still others. RSM-1 (and 1S) is definitely the most versatile and advanced of the products mentioned here. To cover all its capabilities would exceed a reasonable amount of space.

Keyboard Echo. This feature of RSM-1 reflects any input from the keyboard to the CRT screen. It creates a TV typewriter, but it isn't set up to record the created text. If it did, messages for games or instructional programs could easily be recorded as program segments, to be moved later to their proper positions in a finished program.

If you have ever converted text into ASCII code in order to enter it into memory, you probably realize what an aid this is. With a little work, a text recorder can be created from the Keyboard Echo subroutine.

Octal Code. All of these monitors operate in hex code. But in the earlier days of home computing, a good deal of hobbyist programming was done in octal. I think it would be nice to have a provision to accept octal code, convert it to hex and store it in memory for disassembling or execution.

Trace. One of the most difficult aspects of disassembling and studying existing programs (such as BASIC) is the frequent use of calls and jumps. It becomes extremely perplexing for the novice to follow what is really happening at the machine level. What the student needs to see is a step-by-step display of each instruction sequence in the order it is performed by the computer, not the sequence in which it is stored in memory.

None of the monitors has either the trace or octal code provisions.

Cassette Recording

Audio cassette recording for the TRS-80 is at times satisfactory and at other times highly frustrating. With Radio Shack's T-BUG, I believe I spent an hour of unsuccessful effort before I loaded it. I immediately rerecorded T-BUG several times on tapes of my own at standard volume. Since then, most of my recordings have proved reliable. But for reasons I do not understand, this has not always been true.

With both SysMon and RSM-1S, loading proved much easier, but several efforts were required. I am reluctant to buy cassette software because I suspect that it will prove difficult to load.

I think it is necessary to say bluntly that the present system of audio cassette recording with the TRS-80 is not wholly satisfactory. Its shortcomings and time wastage are not acceptable. If you buy T-BUG after reading this article, I suggest that you have the RS manager load it from the store demonstrator machine onto a cassette of your own choosing, perhaps even using your own tape recorder. Then take T-BUG home, read the literature and put the RS cassette on the shelf after trying it once to see if what I've said holds true for you. Nobody should have to spend an hour trying to get a purchased software product to work.

Present Monitor Shortcomings

Each of the monitors reviewed has problems; none is ideal. T-BUG, with minimum essentials, bombs too readily, reverts to BASIC and must be reloaded. It is too simple; it has no internal break or recovery procedures or helpful instructions to minimize the need for reloading. I haven't yet used SysMon enough to know if it is any different on this score.

RSM-1, on the other hand, is far more versatile and (I hope) far less likely to revert to BASIC. It utilizes the Break and Clear keys and has dozens of capabilities that T-BUG lacks. However, because of its length (with symbolic dump), it leaves only 80 bytes of program space. Without the symbolic dump, or by overlaying it with a user program, the RSM-1 leaves user space from 4880 to 4FFF (hex), almost 2K bytes. But it does not display registers or provide breakpoints.

Taking these points into account, I'm not sorry I have more than one monitor under present software conditions.

How About a TRS-81?

Is there any answer to these problems? Can a better system be devised?

One answer is very simple: Put the monitor in the ROM. At power-on (Restart 0) call a brief subroutine that gives a choice of entering monitor or BASIC. In a 4K ROM, perhaps 1K should be devoted to monitor and 3K to BASIC. However, since they would both use many of the same subroutines, a 1K monitor would be quite adequate and a 3K BASIC would have to give up little of what Level I now contains. By utilizing loadable subroutines, extra features could be supplied from cassette.

By redesigning the ROM, you can double the power and usefulness of the TRS-80. For machine-language applications, convenience and reliability would be multiplied.

For Level II, the same suggestion applies, except that a 2 to 4K monitor and an 8 to 10K BASIC could be used. Again, by using subroutines loadable from cassette, you can enhance the power of Level II for both BASIC and machine language.

I assume this change is both feasible and desirable. Some competitive pressure to adopt it will come from other products that have come on the market since TRS-80 appeared. Exidy's Sorcerer, for example, has a 4K ROM monitor and an 8K ROM PAC for BASIC. Combined, the Sorcerer has virtually the same BASIC capabilities as Level II, but machine-language abilities greatly exceed TRS-80's.

Additional pressure could be brought by RS customers bringing their interest to the attention of RS store managers and, by letter, to the parent office. It is also possible that an independent supplier might design a Level I or Level II monitor-BASIC ROM and offer it in competition with Radio Shack. With supplementary tape capabilities, its power and convenience would be clearly superior.

Wanted: a MenuMonitor

Until a redesigned ROM is available, any other solution for cassette or monitor problems must be found in software. I hope that those who know more than I do about software can say whether the following suggestions are feasible. If they are, I hope that one of the software houses will develop them.

I suggest that the ideal monitor for a 4K system should be multi-segmented and recorded on cassette as separate segments. The total length might well be 6K bytes or more of code. However, no section, if possible, should be more than 1.5K in length, and preferably less. The intention would be to have the operating monitor occupy no more than 2K of memory. In this way there would always be 2K of program memory available. Only those monitor features that the user expected to use for the tasks immediately ahead would be called into working memory.

The segments of the total monitor might be as follows:

1. Menu and Cassette Load Functions
2. Basic Monitor Functions
3. Hex and ASCII Memory Dumps
4. Text Entry Functions
5. Cassette Save Functions
6. Test and Verify Functions
7. Symbolic Dump

The first segment, Menu, should provide for the selection and loading of subsequent segments. It should also contain the most widely used and fundamental subroutines.

One object of this suggestion is to provide for short cassette load segments so that confirmation of successful loading is quickly obtained. One to 15 minutes to have a program loaded and working is not acceptable.

Another object is to provide a reasonable working memory. Eighty bytes, as for RSM-1S, is not sufficient. Furthermore, most of the features of a large monitor are not going to be used immediately anyhow.

Since the Menu should always be resident and callable as a Monitor function, it would be simple to overlay an unneeded capability with a new segment and a desired capability.

Given the ability of the Z-80 to provide for relative as well as absolute calls and jumps, it should be feasible to load and utilize any desired segment within a general 2K space limit. If BASIC's CLOAD and CSAVE operations are temporarily unneeded, even the memory area from 4000 to 4200H could be employed for monitor code or program use.

Final Suggestions

Create your own monitor. One lesson I have drawn from my experiences so far is that a monitor is not only an essential tool for learning machine language and controlling the computer, but it is also an excellent piece of software to use as a starting point to build in whatever features are most important to *you*.

Learn machine language. Assembly or machine language is easier to learn than most novices think. A personal computer such as the TRS-80 and a good monitor are invaluable aids in the learning process.

Although several books on 8080 and Z-80 programming exist (from Osborne and Associates, Scelbi and Sams), the right beginner's book (David Lien's *User's Manual for Level I*, for example) doesn't yet exist, as far as I know. You must work with what is available. Learn 8080 language before the Z-80 refinements.

Start now. Finally, if you're ready to start learning machine language, buy a monitor now. Don't be afraid to buy more than one if you can afford it.■

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Visit to OSI . . .

. . . in which the author reveals everything you've always wanted to know about Ohio Scientific Instruments, but were afraid to ask.

I heard an apt description of the microcomputer industry the other day: "Like walking on a waterbed—unstable and maybe a little scary." There have been dramatic changes in the field over the past three or four years, changes that have brought us to the brink of a new age in technology. This advancement hasn't occurred without problems, however. Indeed, designers, manufacturers, retailers and users have suffered the growing pains of this newest and most fascinating industry. Until now all of these groups have been little more than pioneers, blazing trails and clearing wilderness for the less intrepid followers.

Introduction

Among these pioneers must surely be listed Ohio Scientific Instruments, designers and manufacturers of microcomputers, for their story is a dichotomy of acute insight and severe tunnel vision. In 1975—when a typical microcomputer user was also an engineer, or at least a serious electronics hobbyist—OSI was pitching bareboard and single-board computer devices to the user who delighted in getting into the guts of his machine, who was thrilled by the sight and touch of the hardware and excited if he could hold BASIC in memory long enough to execute some simple programs.

OSI dealers George Harris (left) and Ed Haigh in their store in Charlottesville, Virginia. H/B Computers was one of the first to join the OSI dealer ranks.

OSI's 400 series boards apparently didn't receive too much attention beyond a hard core of dedicated OSI enthusiasts. The design basically was OK, but the company was small, and their promotional efforts didn't match those of competitors in the field.

I first heard of Ohio Scientific late in 1976. I was researching an article on new technology word processors and wrote letters to all the companies offering computer-type hardware that might be adapted for word processing. Response to my 50 or so detailed letters ranged from personal replies from high-level company officials who offered specific answers to my questions, through catalogs only, all the way to no response at all.

The simple catalog I received from OSI described what appeared to be lackluster hobbyist hardware, and since they did not provide specific responses to my questions about word processing I didn't pursue the OSI product line further. Within a few months, however, I began reading their advertisements with new interest.

Recall the microcomputer situation at that time: The most popular and most accessible machines probably were the Altair, Imsai and perhaps the SWTP. With the exception of the Southwest Tech equipment, the computers of the day were bedecked with switches and lights, required multiple accessory boards and large memory capacities and carried high prices. OSI continued to run ads with a simple sketch of a simpler box that lacked the eye-catching appeal of others in the marketplace. When I finally read the fine print it looked like the guys in Ohio had something after all.

On a limited budget but extremely interested in getting into microcomputing, I was intensely interested in the OSI model 500 board. At a time when you could spend $500 to $1000 for a pretty box with CPU and a little memory—a box that still wouldn't do anything without the addition of more memory, a cassette interface, BASIC on cassette, I/O boards, etc.—the 500's 8K BASIC in ROM, 4K RAM workspace, built-

in RS-232 and 20 mA current loop interfaces looked good indeed.

So, late in 1977 I took a gamble. I couldn't find anyone using the OSI equipment, and my letters to the factory went unanswered. Nevertheless, I bought a 500 board from H/B Computers in Charlottesville, Virginia, hooked it to a surplus power supply and an SWTP CT-64 terminal and was "on the air" with my own computer in a matter of minutes.

A Question of Support

The construction of the board seemed good and the unit worked flawlessly from the beginning. At this point there was only one problem: an almost complete lack of documentation. The manual that accompanied my 500 board was Spartan, to say the least, and sometimes even George Harris, the dealer from whom I bought the unit, couldn't shed much light on the darkness of my ignorance.

"The situation is going to change," Harris said in the winter of 1977-1978, "it has got to change and it will change." But months later OSI still was unable or unwilling to respond adequately to hardware and software questions from Harris and other OSI dealers. By spring of that year enough dealers had become so disillusioned they decided to band together in an effort to force the company to be more responsive to their needs.

About 30 dealers joined together in April in what was then —and may still be—a unique approach to the problem of dealer/company relations. These dealers agreed that OSI equipment was sound in design and construction and they wanted to continue to offer the line, but they could no longer suffer the painful lack of company response to their demands for better documentation and software to support the hardware. Each dealer agreed to put up $1000 to hire some full-time programmers to work on applications software for the growing OSI equipment line.

The power of this kind of money—coupled, apparently, with a growing realization by OSI officials that most of their dealers are "businessmen who know what they're doing," according to Harris—caused a quick improvement in relations with the company. OSI agreed that the dealer-supported programmers would be housed at the OSI factory where they could be more effective because of close contact with new equipment changes and operating system software advances. "OSI doesn't look at this as the OSI software group," Harris said, "rather it is an OSI dealer software group housed at OSI, which is the way it ought to be."

Software Development

Since then the dealer's software group has turned out a series of business programs for the OSI Challenger III system. The first effort was a package dubbed OS-DMS for Ohio Scientific Database Management System on which has been built inventory, accounts receivable, accounts payable, general ledger and payroll packages.

Wendell Banks, a Duke economics graduate and professional programmer with big-machine experience, is one of the software group programmers. "I'm trying to put on the micros what I've seen on the maxis," he told me. "Whether it is a Univac 1108, an IBM 370/168 or one of these micros, whatever the brand, the machine is a computer, and for business purposes there are certain standards that have to be met or the businessman is not going to buy."

OSI and the dealers are striving for better cooperation in software development, too. They're trying to write their software in logical blocks with common line numbers, for one thing. That way, if an individual dealer or customer needs to modify a package, he knows where to find the disk controller routines, for example, or other system control commands. And dealers are exchanging information about software they have developed themselves in an effort to cut down on duplication.

OSI software group programmer Wendell Banks hard at work. Banks says he has software running on the OSI equipment that's as good as what he used to put on the IBM 370; it just runs slower. "This OSI hardware will do the job," he says, "and it is easy to work with, but without the proper software it's like running a car without gas."

"There's no need for one dealer to work on a dental package, for example, and a surveyor package," Harris points out, "if I've already developed a dental package that would meet his needs. Let him work on the surveyor package for me and I'll help him with his dental software needs."

Indeed, OSI apparently is following similar reasoning in developing business software for general distribution. One reasonably priced business package ($995 for disk and documentation if the buyer is willing to put his books on the system himself) includes some impressive features: accounts receivable, accounts payable, general ledger, inventory, payroll, customer files maintenance, mailing label preparation and more. Ohio Scientific recently released a new version of their Word Processor with such features as automatic hyphenation, automatic line numbering, full character or global editing, FIND and CHANGE commands, incremental spacing and other output formatting features.

Also, the company has worked hard to back up its new personal line of computers (more on them later) with cassette and mini-disk software. At the end of 1978 OSI released well over 100 programs for these machines including video games with graphics, checkbook balancing and other "personal" software and business demonstration packages.

Growing Pains

So on the surface it appears OSI has met the micro software problem head on. Now the bad news. As with any new field—especially one with the growing pains experienced with microcomputing—this one has its share of problems, and OSI is suffering at least its due percentage of the total. I asked two professional programmers (guys with IBM and DEC experience) to look over the OS-DMS package. They were unimpressed.

"This is definitely not a database manager," one of the fellows lamented. "I don't know what else is out there for mi-

The Challenger III. *(Photo courtesy OSI.)*

OSI's manufacturing plant. *(Photo by Wayne Green.)*

cros so I don't really know how this stacks up against other micro software, but as a true database management system goes, this is not it."

"OS-DMS is about what you would expect from a young programmer just out of school. It is not very sophisticated," says Dan Smith, Systems Director for Tek-Aids Industries, Inc., a Chicago-based OSI dealer. Tek-Aids and a few other dealers around the country prefer to depend on what software they can write themselves or contract through local professional programmers.

George Harris is, at times, elated over the progress OSI has made in hardware and software; at times he is depressed over how far they have to go. But generally Harris remains optimistic: "We're not going to turn into a Digital Equipment DECUS users group overnight, but it is going to come a heck of a lot quicker than it did for them, that's for sure," Harris says. "Where it took them ten years to do it, I think within a couple of years we're going to have that kind of software."

Other problems, probably best summed under the heading of poor communication, plague OSI dealers. The folks at OSI are a close-knit organization, especially at the top. Mike and Charity Cheiky—husband and wife—are vice-president and president, respectively. Together they own over 60 percent of the company. OSI started small with facilities in the rear of another business in Hiram, Ohio, in 1975.

Apparently a few principals pulled the company together with personal drive and dedication . . . and up by its bootstraps. Now, OSI is housed in a 5600 square foot manufacturing facility in an industrial park in Aurora, Ohio, with around 80 employees. They have hired designers, programmers, a dealer relations expert, technical writers, etc.

Still, many OSI dealers lament that the company makes important decisions on marketing, product changes and prices, advertises those changes, and the dealers hear about them only when customers start asking questions. When a company grows from a small back-room affair to a multimillion dollar outfit in only three or four years, however, these kinds of problems can be expected.

"There are still some problems, and there are going to be some problems," Harris says, "but OSI is listening; they're bending over backwards to try to help us; you can communicate with them." So things are improving.

Hardware Design

But enough of the bad news. Dealers and OSI employees who apparently are in the know say their company isn't any worse about these problems than most of the other manufacturers. In fact, some people think OSI may be far better than many others. And, many good things can be said about OSI products and the company's business plan.

The OSI hardware alone is capable of transcending some of the most severe organizational problems, making software and documentation problems a little easier to live with. Dealers like George Harris have stayed with OSI through thick and thin because of the hardware.

"I'm really impressed with the design of the hardware," Harris says. "Every board has IC slots laid out for user modification. It's not like buying a color TV set you're afraid to touch. They even give you little hints on how you can modify their products for individual needs."

Pin No.	Description
B1	WAIT. When pulled low by a system board, causes processor clock to slow down to speed of approximately 500 kHz. Used to service slow memory and I/O devices.
B2	NMI (non-maskable interrupt). When brought low, a non-blockable interrupt occurs, causing the processor to stop its operation and service this interrupt, that is, go to a specific memory location and execute an interrupt service routine.
B3	IRO (interrupt request). An interrupt that can be masked by the processor. The processor can choose to ignore this interrupt under program control. If the interrupt is not masked, it will function as NMI above.
B4	DD (data direction). When pulled low by a system board, it changes the data direction of the 8T26 buffers on the CPU board, switching the processor from outputting data to the bus to listening to the bus.
B5-B12	Bidirectional, eight-bit data bus for communication between the processor and system boards.
B13-B16	Upper data bits on some systems.
B17	Optional reset line used to clear all PIAs and similar I/O circuitry in the system.
B18	Spare.
B19-B22	Memory management address lines (the OSI system can address memory in 64K blocks up to at least 768K).
B23	+ 12 volt power connection.
B24	− 9 volt power connection.
B25-B26	+ 5 volt power connection.
B27-B28	Ground.
B29-B38	Ten low-order address lines.
B39	Ø2. Used to clock external circuits or external I/O interfaces, such as the A/D converter (see a 6502 data sheet for more details).
B40	R/W (read/write). Originates at the microprocessor and specifies read or write operations on the data bus.
B41	VMA (valid memory address). Only used in conjunction with the 6800. The 6502 always has this line high.
B42	Ø2-VMA. Master timing signal for enabling memory and I/O in the system.
B43-B48	Six high-order address lines.

The OSI 48-pin bus.

"The fact that there is no fan in the thing, the fact that each board is without a heat sink because the voltage is regulated at the bus instead of on each board impressed me," Harris continues. He also says he has no fear about taking OSI computers to dealer shows or for customer demonstrations. The 48-pin Molex connector bus is extremely rugged.

"You can throw their stuff in the trunk of a car, carry it around town, plug it in somewhere else and it works," Harris says. "And you don't have to worry about it bombing out every time you open the refrigerator or the air conditioner comes on."

Wade Stallings, a graduate engineer with considerable design experience with computers and other digital devices, started playing with the OSI model 500 board about the same time I did. He says he is continually frustrated by the lack of in-depth documentation—he has spent hours tracing circuits, drawing diagrams and studying machine-language programming. But he's still impressed: "Whoever did OSI's design work knew what he was doing," Stallings says. "He really had his act together. They've got little things in there a lot of people never think of—especially planning for the future."

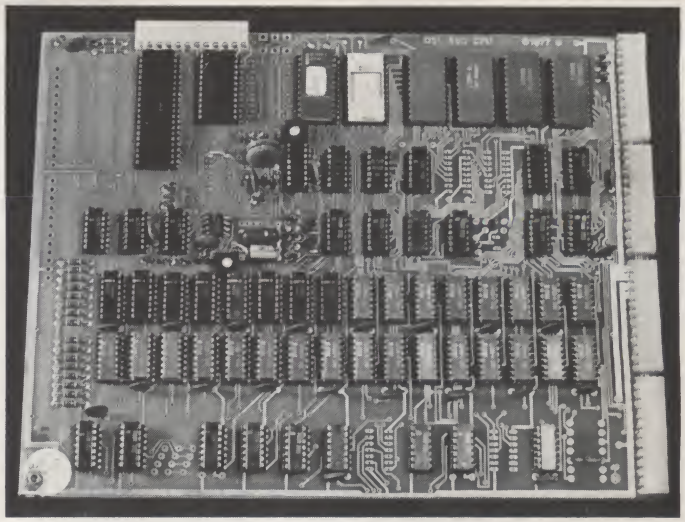
For one thing there are 20 address lines built right onto the motherboard, meaning a potential memory expansion to beyond one megabyte without redesigning. The bus structure is such that 10 MHz data operations are possible. OSI was among the first to put a full 8K BASIC in ROM right on the CPU board. Their choice of a microprocessor chip was progressive.

"I'm always looking for simplicity," Stallings says. "Too many engineers try to do things the hard way. This 6502 microprocessor is simple, and it is fast. It'll run faster at 1 MHz than a Z-80-based machine will at 4 MHz."

In 1975 the 6502 wasn't a very popular chip. Most micro manufacturers were sticking with the 8080. Most microcomputer software was being written for the 8080, and some people even thought the 6502 was destined to remain a second-rate chip, good only for hobbyists and industry. By late 1978, however, sales of the 6500 series chip had surpassed 8080 series chips' and there already was an increasing library of 6502 software.

That the 6502 lacks Z-80-type registers may even be an advantage, Stallings believes, because it can set up its own registers in a memory location in any way necessary, meaning the 6502 is more versatile. And pipelining—the ability to fetch an instruction while it is carrying out a previous one—makes it very efficient. The top-of-the-line OSI computer—the Challenger III—sports three processors available to run BASIC or machine-language programs. The user can select the 6502, 6800 or Z-80 under hardware or software control.

OSI has a full range of accessory boards designed to add to the basic system's versatility: high-speed analog-to-digital and digital-to-analog converter, a 6100 emulator to run DEC PDP-8 software, PROM programmers, multiple RS-232 ports, voice output board, graphics and graphics with color, high-speed cassette interface (1200 baud), 96 line remote parallel board and more.



This is the bulwark of the OSI computer line, the model 500 CPU. This single board computer has 8K Microsoft BASIC (in the four PROMs under OSI 500 CPU) and 4K of RAM. RS-232 and 20 mA current loop interfaces are standard. The long chip at the upper left of the board is the 6502 microprocessor. Beside it is space for a user-provided 6520 peripheral interface adaptor (PIA). Some newer versions of this board also have a disk controller built in, but lack the 4K RAM.

The Future

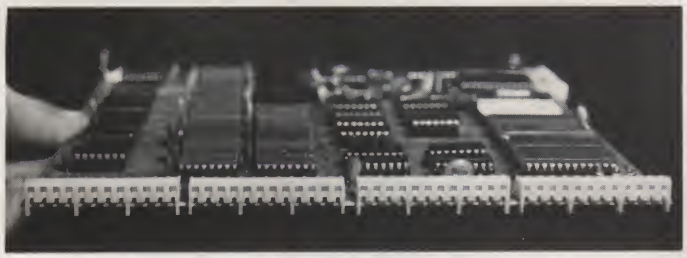
The OSI marketing philosophy is impressive, if somewhat ambitious. They want a piece of every stratum of the micro market: experimenters, hobbyists, educators, small business and big business. Their hardware line already is encroaching into all of these areas.

"We're now ready for the next big step to move us to the very edge of big-machine technology," Mike Cheiky told a recent gathering of OSI dealers at the Aurora, Ohio, factory. "We've got more horsepower than either you or your customers expect from a $4000 box," he said.

The big-machine technology Cheiky was talking about revolves around advanced software (particularly OS-DMS, which may be of questionable value unless it is greatly enhanced over presently available versions) and advanced hardware capabilities. Already available for the OSI Challenger III computer is an OKIDATA 74 megabyte hard disk, perhaps the largest on-line storage available in the micro market. With average read/write times under 50 milliseconds, the computer's statement after reset that more than 72 million bytes of user workspace is available becomes believable. To fill the gap between that large storage device and the standard 250,000 byte 8 inch floppy, OSI is developing a 20-24 megabyte hard disk for the Challenger III. Dual-sided floppies also are an option.

At the other end of the scale is the Challenger IP, a single-board machine housed in a case and with a power supply at a retail price of about $350. It has 8K BASIC, video graphics, 4K RAM (expansible to 8K on-board), can be hooked up to the standard OSI bus and can support up to two minifloppies.

There's a catch, of course. It has a limited video display of only 24 × 24 characters with a standard TV set monitor, but up to 32 × 32 characters "is possible" using a high-quality monitor with underscan. The IP is OSI's entry into the truly personal computer market. Their plans call for selling the IP in large quantities with an eye toward getting large department stores and other retail outlets



All OSI board connections are via Molex connectors. The 48 bus connectors and 12 interface connectors (up to 30 with a PIA chip installed) provide tight, trouble-free hookup to the outside world and accessory boards.

The Challenger IP. *(Photo by Wayne Green.)*

to handle the machine. Mike calls the IP "the world's lowest cost, full-featured computer."

The OSI VP feels the IP has reached its ultimate design, and there'll be no effort to redesign it ("Could you upgrade the video display?" one dealer wants to know. "What about larger memory?" asks another). "We'll not enhance its features; we'll just make it cheaper and cheaper," Cheiky responds. OSI recently launched a massive, nationwide advertising campaign in leading electronic, scientific and business magazines. The new IP computer will receive "the largest exposure of any OSI hardware." Cheiky expects to move at least 100,000 units by the end of 1979.

The Present

OSI is taking a different approach with its C2-4P computer. It is packaged very much like the IP, but the C2-4P is based on the standard OSI 48-pin Molex connector bus. Except that it doesn't have a built-in −9 volt power supply (only 5 volts *is* provided), the C2-4P is like any other OSI mainframe, just in a smaller case.

The C2-4P has been on the market since early 1977 and has proved itself a good choice for the hobbyist or for education use. Now with the new "MOD2" version, which includes graphics, mini-disk interface as well as some other goodies, OSI believes it has "the ultimate personal portable" computer. "We're going to continuously upgrade the C2-4P to keep it up with the state of the art," Cheiky says. "It is essentially obsolescence proof."

The C2-4P has a 64 character display and can support up to 48K of RAM with dual minifloppy drives. The two other mainstays of the OSI product line—the C2-8P and the Challenger II—fall somewhere between the C2-4P and the Challenger III. The 8P is identical to the C2-4P except it is housed in a full-size case with an eight-slot motherboard (the C2-4P has only four slots). The Challenger II is a full-size computer like the Challenger III, but has only the 6502 processor instead of the three processors of the Challenger III.

Ohio Scientific has one other strong suit: its software. I've already mentioned that some of their new "business" software may not be all it is cracked up to be. OSI systems software, on the other hand, is full of features and fun to use. First are the operating systems: OS-65D and OS-65U.

OS-65D came first and originally was intended as a developmental system only (thus, the "D" suffix). It has gone through several revisions, though, and is the standard operating system for all of OSI's minifloppy-based systems. OS-65D uses named files for disk storage but maintains track designation, too. That means you can save a program on disk by specifying program name and let the computer worry where it is on the disk, or you can put the program on the track of your choice.

The developmental operating system comes with a 9-digit BASIC, assembler/editor and extended monitor. One of the truly useful features of 65D is the way it handles disk data files. It supports either random or sequential files with pre-set record lengths of 128 bytes (the record length may be user changed, too). This means that to write a record on disk the user simply has to open the file and write in the information. There is no complicated head positioning or indexing; the operating system takes care of it all. When using random access files, access the information by record number. You specify record number; the computer finds it on disk and inputs it to memory where you may use it however you want.

Perhaps the best feature of the new 65D is the trend it set toward improved documentation. The manual that comes with the disk is complete and easy to use compared to most other OSI documentation. It takes the neophyte user step-by-step through the orientation procedure.

The user-oriented operating system, OS-65U, is better in some ways than 65D and is designed for far-reaching user applications. There are three versions of OS-65U. Level I is the standard version. It has named disk files, random or sequential data files (including a FIND command that will search a file for a string up to 32 characters long) and multiterminal capabilities with up to 16 terminals in a distributed processing system.

Level II adds a real-time clock and the ability to support 16 terminals operating under one master program. With Level I the multiple computers in the system can call up programs off disk and put programs on disk, but each one must have its own memory and run its program separately. Level II is a useful addition for such tasks as order entry and checking.

The most elaborate of the three, Level III, can support up to 16 totally independent tasks. Level III requires hardwired memory partitions for each terminal, with from 4K to 48K in

Challenger I	
Superboard II	4K computer on a board. 8K ROM BASIC, 4K RAM, video output with graphics, expansible to 8K on-board RAM, built-in keyboard.
C-IP	Superboard II with case and power supply
C-IP MF	C-IP with 16K RAM and minifloppy.
Challenger II	
C2-4P	Similar to IP but on standard OSI 48-pin bus and with 64 × 32 video display. 4K RAM.
C2-4P MF	A 20K C2-4P with minifloppy.
C2-8P	Identical to C2-4P except with eight expansion slots and separate keyboard.
C2-8P DF	A 32K C2-8P with dual 8 inch floppies.
C2-S2	A serial version of the C2-8P. No video board or keyboard.
Challenger III	
C3-S1	Three processors (6502, 6800, Z-80) with 32K RAM and dual 8 inch floppies, two cases.
C3-OEM	As above, with everything in one case.
C3-A	48K, dual floppies, 16-slot backplane, rack.
C3-B	As above, with 74 megabyte hard disk.
C3-C	C3-A with 24 megabyte hard disk.

Standard OSI systems.

each partition. The maximum configuration, then, would be 16 terminals, each with 48K of dedicated RAM, or a total of 768K in the system. When the system becomes this large the 74 megabyte hard disk is a practical necessity.

There are three OSI word processing packages. All feature line editing, a FIND command, formatted output, right margin justification and other standard features. WP-1 is little more than the OSI assembler/editor package, but WP-2 adds automatic hyphenation, additional printing formats, proportional spacing, named disk files and other operator conveniences. With DMS-WP-2 comes data file access or file merging. This means the user has the ability to construct a letter from previously created files, use a mailing list in a data file to type a series of "personalized" letters automatically, etc.

Perspective

Vice-President Mike Cheiky says of OSI software: "It is very competitive. Indeed, we probably could safely say it is the best in the microcomputer industry." I would say, rather, the *concept* of OSI software *may* be among the best in the industry. Its implementation across the board hasn't quite earned that distinction. OSI business software, particularly, falls short in input data error checking, operator handholding, etc. But they may be on their way. The OSI dealer network is getting stronger all the time with the number of distributors, dealers and associate dealers approaching 200.

The dealer software group is adding new members all the time, and the group is moving beyond the original software concept in mutual support. Working with factory experts, the dealer group is turning out a series of video tape presentations on OSI equipment operation, software and service techniques. A national service policy is evolving, which should give uniformity to the way dealers handle equipment problems nationwide and speed up service to the customer.

The company is publishing what Cheiky calls "the largest and most informative catalog in the industry." And they are continuously beefing up their hardware and software offerings.

"They're going to be number one in the microcomputing field; I have no doubt about it," dealer Harris says during one of his enthusiastic moments.

But in the end the true test will be how well OSI keeps up with the rapidly changing field with hardware, software, improved dealer relations and incisive marketing practices. ■

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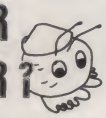

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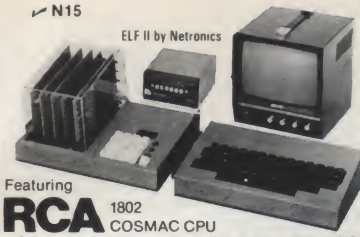

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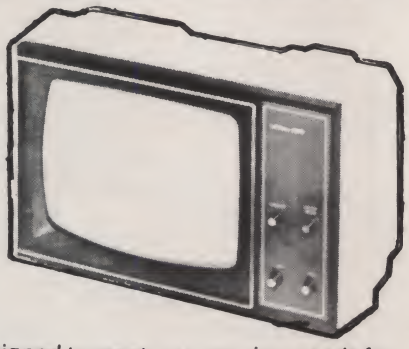

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CORRECTIONS

Andy Latovich ("A Look Inside the TRS-80," April 1979, p. 120) found an error in his article. Fig. 3 lists the timing between the clock pulses as 2 ms. The timing should be 4 ms. A data bit, if present, should be 2 ms from the clock pulse. The pulse width is correct.

Line 340 in Fig. 14 of "It's There—But Where" (February 1979, p. 54) by S. J. Mathis, Jr., should be: 340 L(R) = L(T).

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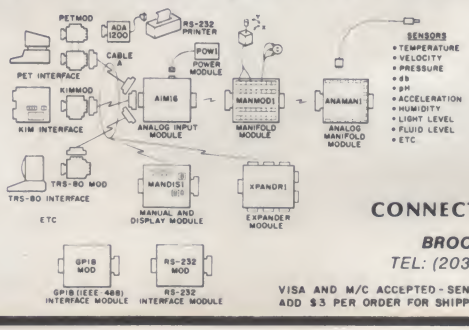

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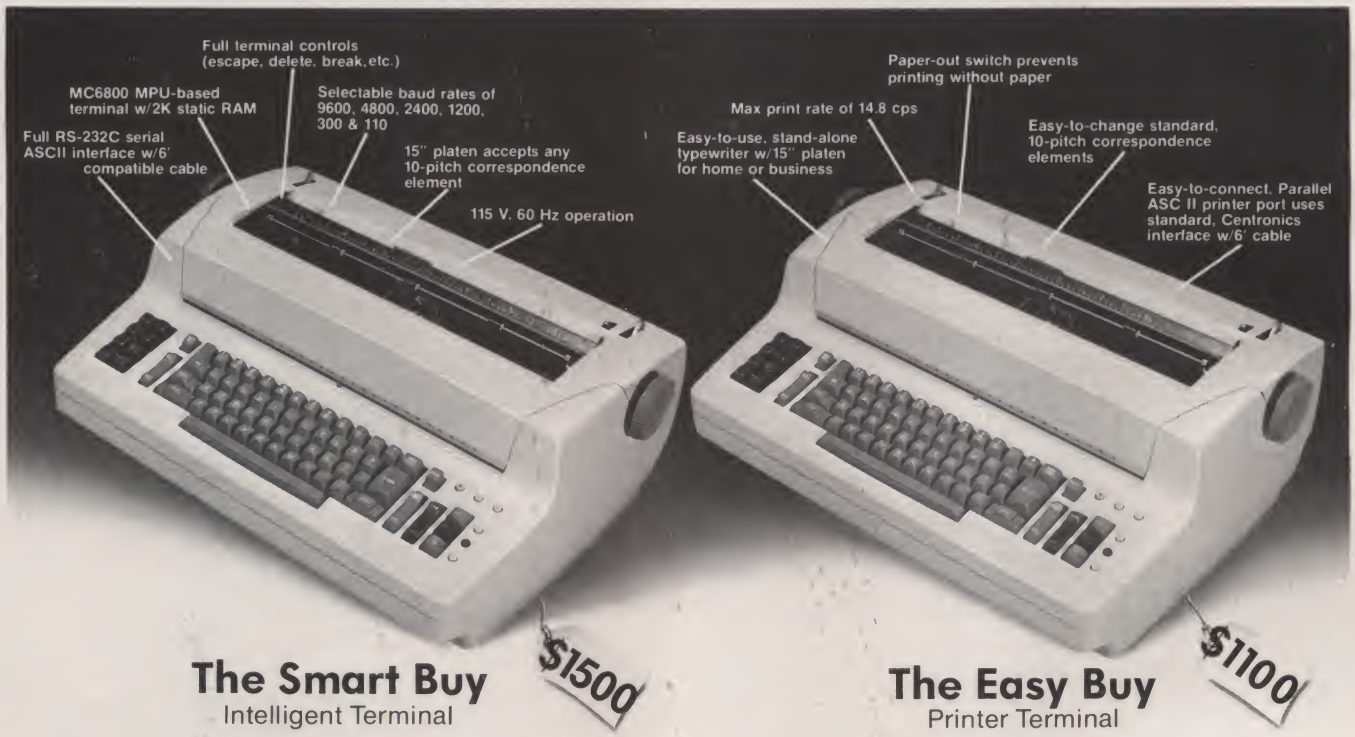

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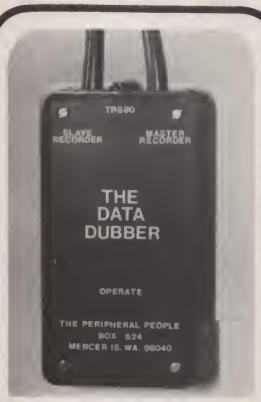

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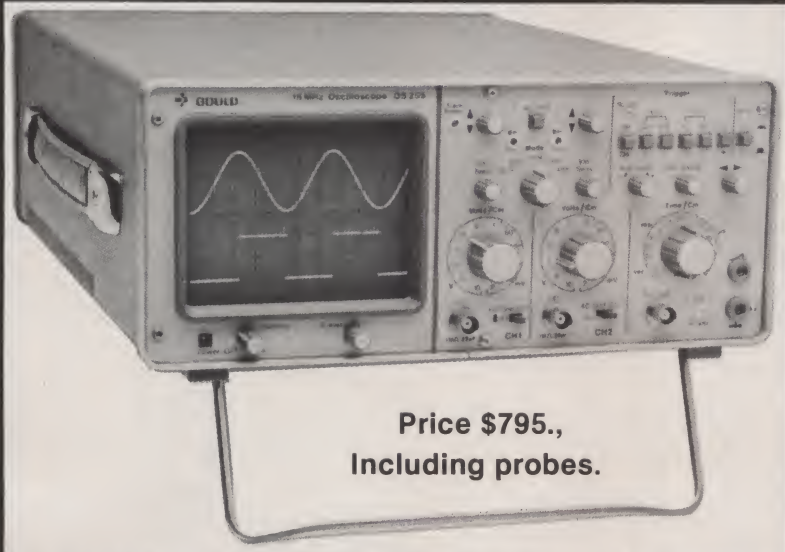

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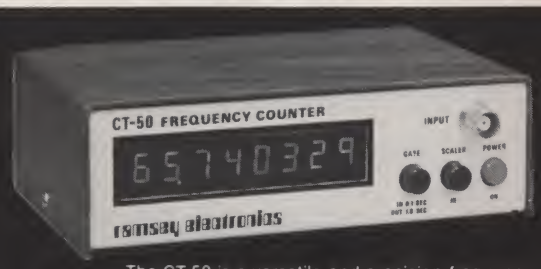

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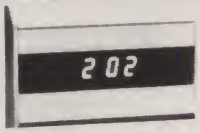

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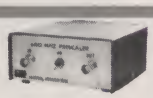

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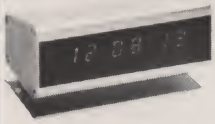

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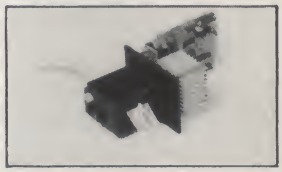

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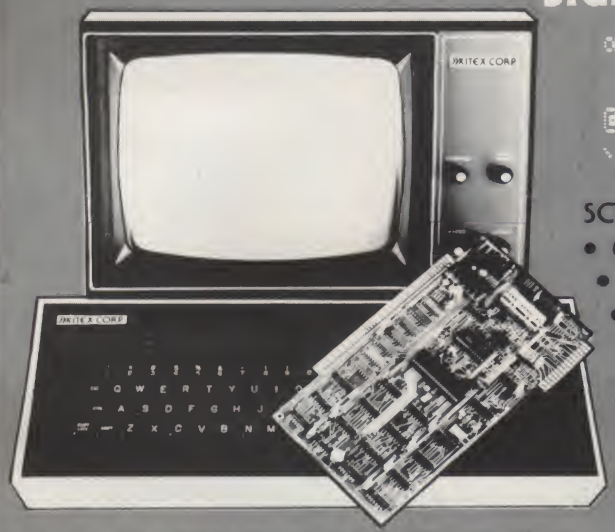


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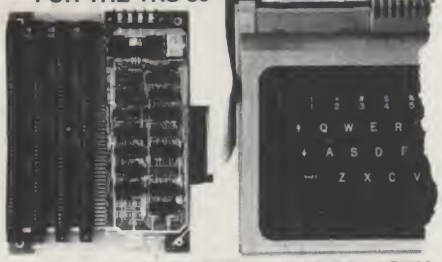

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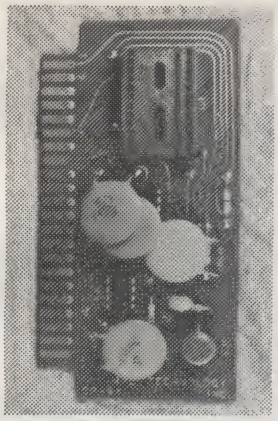

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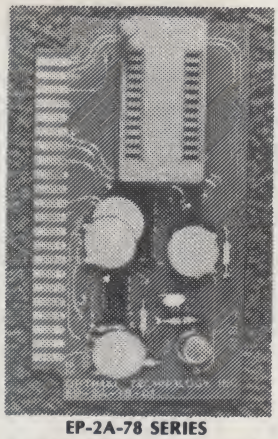

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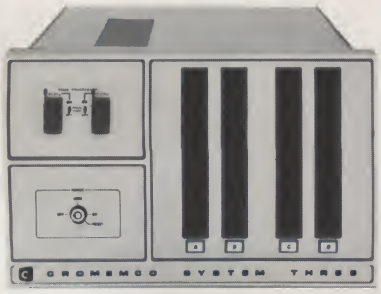

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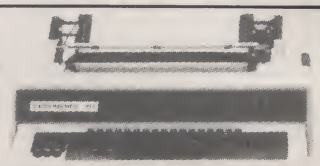

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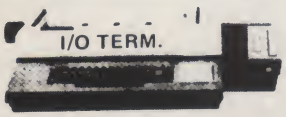

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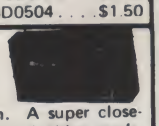

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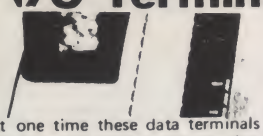

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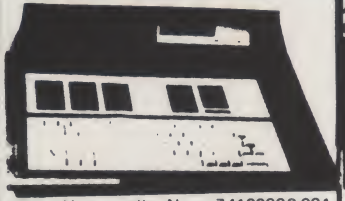

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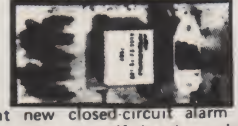

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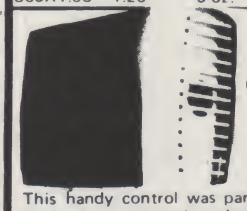

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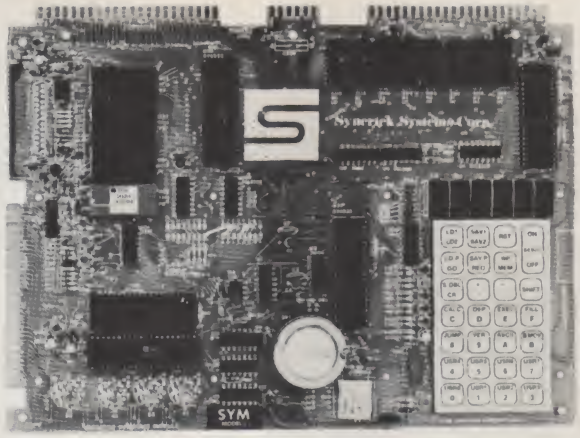

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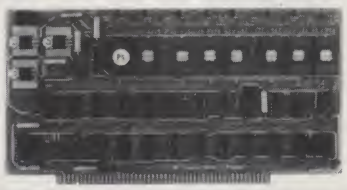

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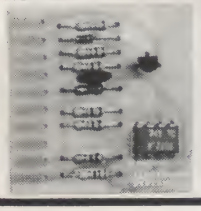

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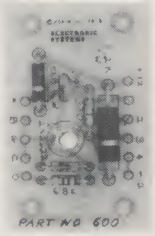

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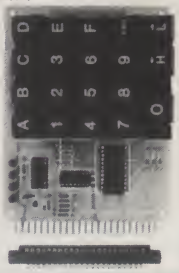

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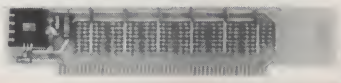

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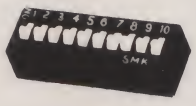

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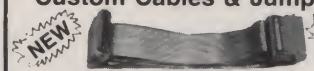

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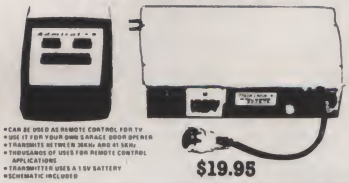

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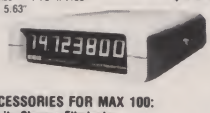

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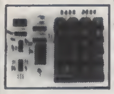

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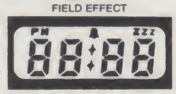

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2N2369A	4/1.00	2N3706	5/1.00	2N5088	4/1.00
MPS2369	5/1.00	MPS3706	5/1.00	2N5089	4/1.00
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.22/35V	.28	.23	.17	3 3/25V	.31	.27	.22
.33/35V	28	.23	.17	4.7/25V	.32	28	.23
47/35V	.28	.23	.17	6.8/25V	.36	.31	.25
.68/35V	.28	.23	.17	15/25V	.63	.50	.40
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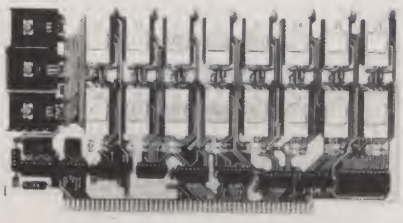

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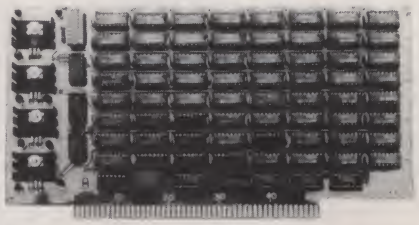

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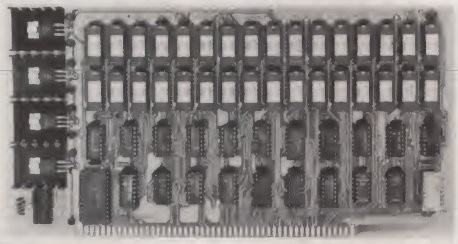

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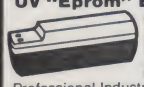

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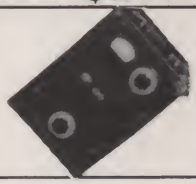

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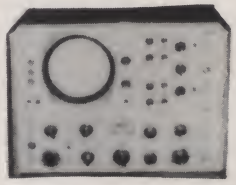

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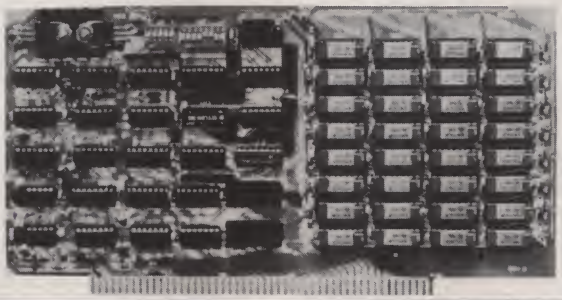

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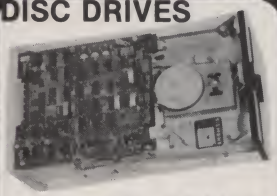

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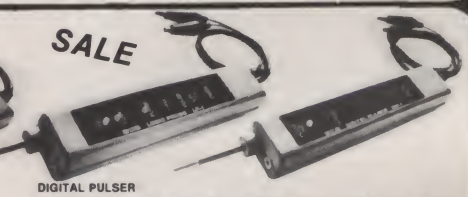

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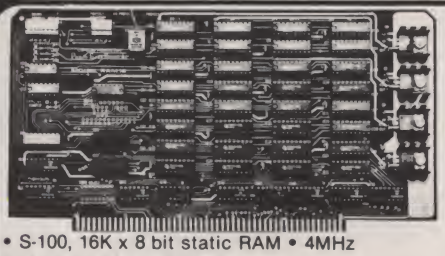

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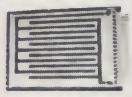

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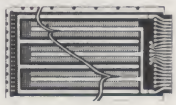

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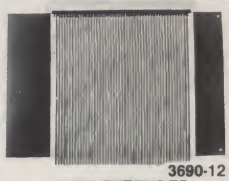

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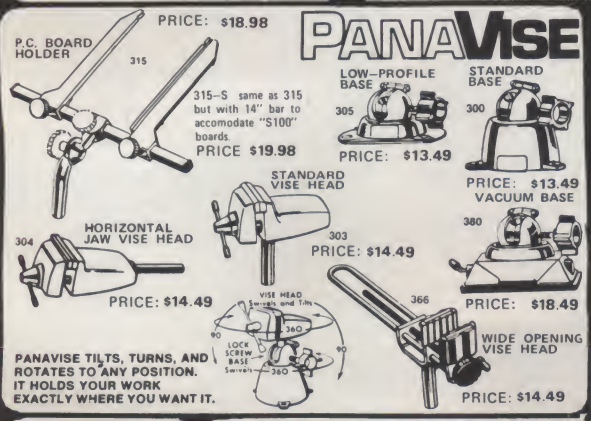

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7445	.75	74181	2.25	74L85	2.00	74S11	.45
7446	.70	74182	.75	74L93	.75	74S20	.35
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7450	.25	74192	.75	74LS01	.40	74S50	.30
7451	.25	74193	.85	74LS02	.45	74S51	.35
7453	.20	74194	.95	74LS03	.45	74S64	.15
7454	.25	74195	.95	74LS04	.45	74S74	.70
7460	.40	74196	.95	74LS05	.45	74S112	.60
7470	.45	74197	.95	74LS08	.45	74S114	.85
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7476	.40	75491	.65	74LS21	.45	74S157	.98
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7482	.95	74H01	.30	74LS37	.45	74S196	2.00
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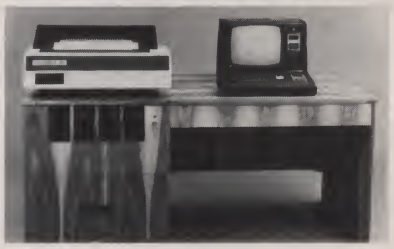

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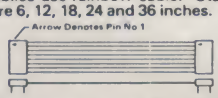

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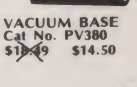

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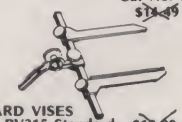

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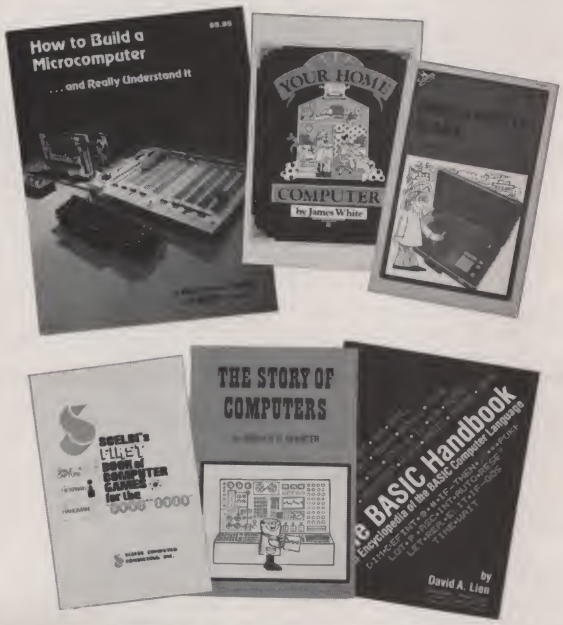

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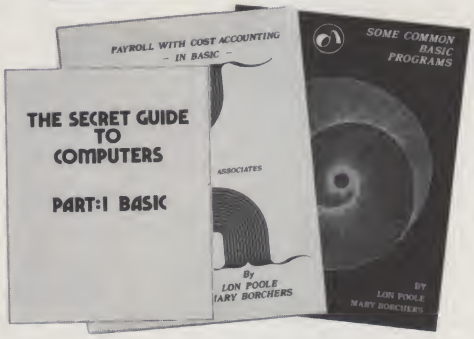

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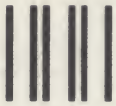

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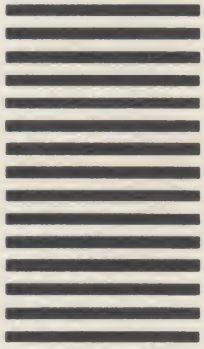

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